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Vikings secure play-off berth with 21-0 win at Boyne City

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

For the second straight year, Grayling High School's varsity football team has secured a play-off berth.

The Vikings clinched a place in the post-season with a 21-0 victory over the Boyne City Ramblers at Boyne City on Friday night. With two games to go in the regular season, the Vikings are 6-1.

Last year, Grayling posted a

7-2 regular season record and won a football play-off game for the first time in school history with a 15-14 victory at Central Montcalm.

In 2004, Grayling opened the season with a 17-14 overtime victory at Roscommon. In week two, the Vikings won a home game vs. Houghton Lake 29-6. GHS won its Lake Michigan Conference opener at Elk Rapids 26-8, and posted a 41-0 shut-out at Harbor

Springs for the team's fourth win. On September 24, the Vikings won their homecoming game 48-14 vs. visiting Kalkaska.

The team suffered its only loss of the season two weeks ago in a home game against Traverse City St. Francis. The Gladiators won the contest 31-18.

Last Friday, Grayling traveled to Boyne City and posted its second shut-out of the sea-

son in a 21-0 victory over the Ramblers.

The Vikings have two regular season games yet to play before the start of the post-season.

This Friday, Grayling will play at Charlevoix. On Friday, October 22, the Vikings will wrap up their 2004 regular season with a home game against East Jordan.

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Coach Ben Brock (second from left) talks to his player's after Friday night's 21-0 victory at Boyne City. The win clinched a play-off berth for Grayling.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Committee formed to ponder pathway policy

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A committee has been charged with reworking a proposed non-motorized pathway ordinance aimed at protecting the paved pathway system in the county.

Lynnette Corlew, chairwoman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, appointed the committee after two sessions of public input on the non-motorized pathway ordinance have been received by county officials.

The Crawford County Pathway Committee is seeking to protect the \$1.3 million of asphalt that has been paved from the Grayling Army Airfield out to Hartwick Pines.

Snowmobilers aren't necessarily seeking to ride on the pathway, but business owners and snowmobile club officials fear negative repercussions if a new county law is added to state laws in an area where snowmobiles were historically able to travel.

Named to the committee are:

- Wayne Koppa, chairman of the Crawford County Pathway Committee.

- Keith Miles, president of the Grayling Visitors Bureau Board and co-owner of Fay's Motel.

- Tim Zigila, president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

- Rich Filley, president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association.

- Susan Thiel, unit manager for the Department of Natural Resources, Grayling Management Unit.

- Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

- Scott Hanson, vice chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Filley said he is pleased that county officials have brought everyone with a vested interest to the table in hopes that safe access can still be preserved to area homes and businesses.

"The county board is doing the right thing by the formation of this committee to make sure that everybody's concerns are satisfied," Filley said.

So far, the committee has directed Dave Sabin, the assistant Crawford County prosecuting attorney, to lower the \$500 fine for riding a snowmobile, ATV or other vehicle on the paved pathway. Sabin was also asked to remove a \$50 "bounty

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City receives DEQ grant to study source of water

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling has received a \$3,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Quality to study the source of the community's drinking water.

The Wellhead Protection Program funds will pay for additional studies to determine if the city's two water wells — one located off of Roberts Road and the other located near Mercy Hospital — are pulling water from the same aquifer or from different sources.

Chad Beckett, Grayling's Department of Public Works director, hopes that engineers can determine the source of the water to avoid drilling test wells, paying high energy costs and drawing out water for the tests, which would be wasted.

"It could be quite costly for that study," Beckett said.

The grant will also go toward a community education program to inform residents how they can take measures to protect the city's water supply, Beckett said.

As part of the Wellhead Protection Program, communities delineate the land areas contributing drinking water to their

public wells, identify potential contaminants within that area and implement management strategies and educational activities to protect the water supply.

"Protecting Michigan's public groundwater supplies is one of the DEQ's core responsibilities," said Steve E. Chester, the DEQ director. "This funding will help ensure that Michigan's citizens have access to safe drinking water supplies."

Communities work together through local planning teams to prioritize concerns and implement management activities through the Wellhead Protection Program. To date, more than 88 percent of the population in the state that depends on groundwater from community water supplies has been positively impacted by the program.

The program is funded through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, which is comprised of federal loans obtained under the Safe Water Drinking Act and state matching funds.

Fifty-seven communities in the state received \$850,000 through the Wellhead Protection grant program, which was established in 1999.

Grayling native completes 3,600 mile voyage

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling native as well as his avid followers this year shared the jubilation as he recently ended his trip following the Lewis and Clark journey.

Norm Miller, a 1981 Grayling High School graduate, completed his 3,600 mile kaking and hiking journey following the same route taken by the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery 200 years ago on Sept. 27.

The trip, which went from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean, took Miller six months and four days.

Miller said he had bitter-sweet feelings ending the journey because he fared well on the final trek of his adventure down the Columbia River, known for its high tides and fast rapids. At the same time, he said he was also depressed that life as he had known it for six months had come to an end.

"I was glad it was over," Miller said. "I had five really nice days and was able to make some good time."

Miller became fascinated with history and early American explorers, particularly Lewis and Clark, while in elementary school while growing up in Grayling.

In 1804, President Thomas

Jefferson asked Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to travel through the territory which the United States acquired from France through the Louisiana Purchase. The territory included more than 800,000 square miles of land extending from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains. Their mission was to map the rivers, befriend Native Americans, open the West to trade and find a passage to the Pacific Ocean.

While towns and industrial development have sprouted along the trail, creating pollution in the rivers Miller traveled, he said he appreciated the challenges the early explorers took on.

Miller encountered drought conditions, fierce rain storms and even a couple of rattlesnakes along the way.

"It made you appreciate what Lewis and Clark went through," Miller said. "You've just got to put up with whatever Mother Nature dishes your way."

Miller witnessed trees which Lewis and Clark had carved to feed their horses and the actual paths taken by the explorers rather than recreated areas promoted by the U.S. Forest Service.

Several people in the Grayling area followed Miller



Photo Courtesy of Norm Miller

Grayling native Norm Miller completed his trip following the Lewis and Clark journey on September 27.

through his photographs and postings he had placed on his website.

Ethel Mae McDaniel, who taught seventh grade social studies for Crawford AuSable Schools for 37 years, encouraged school teachers across the country to follow Miller's adventure to teach students geography and American history.

"He still struggled even though he had man's modern

technology to stay in touch with people," said McDaniel, who recalled Miller as a good student with an outgoing personality. "It was just awesome what he went through."

Lloyd Crawford, a Grayling resident who worked with Miller's mother Betty at Bear Archery and knew his father, Harry Miller, appreciated the stories sent from the trail.

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VIOXX ALERT Merck Pharmaceutical has recalled the popular arthritis medication Vioxx (rofecoxib) off the market after studies revealed that it may increase the risk of blood clots, stroke and heart attack and death. According to acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Lester M. Crawford, "Overall, patients taking the drug chronically face twice the risk of heart attack compared to patients receiving a placebo." If you or a loved one have suffered a stroke, heart attack or died after taking Vioxx, call James Rolshouse toll free at 800-783-6845 for more information. James Rolshouse practices law only in MN, but associate with experienced lawyers throughout the U.S. to help people across the country. **YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO MONEY DAMAGES**
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Argentina teen comes to Grayling through Rotary Exchange

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An exchange student more accustomed to sailing the waves of the Atlantic Ocean is experiencing life in Grayling on the banks of the AuSable River this school year.

Diego Goldar from Argentina is attending Grayling High School this year through the Rotary Exchange program. Mike Shearer, a Crawford County 911/EMS Dispatcher, is hosting Goldar in his home located on the main branch of the AuSable River.

Goldar, 17, is from Bragado, Argentina, a city with 50,000 residents located about two hours away from Buenos Aires, which is the third largest city in the world.

Goldar, who came to Grayling on August 23, is getting used to school life in the United States. He said back home, school gets out in the early afternoon and sports are offered through clubs. The classes stay in one room and teachers rotate between the classrooms.

Goldar said the Rotary Club is very popular in his city.

"It's a great experience being an exchange student," he said.

Soccer is the most popular sport in Argentina, so Goldar is a member of Grayling High School's Soccer team.

When he was 15, Goldar competed in a world championship sailing competition, traveling across the Atlantic Ocean from Argentina to Spain.

He has sailed on Lake Margrethe with Joe Porter and on Lake Michigan with former AuSable Schools Superintendent Kent Reynolds.

"I feel free when I sail," Goldar said. "You hear only the water and the wind."

Goldar has a tattoo to signify

this part of his sailing crew on his leg and a logo for his favorite band, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, on his arm.

"I find that kids are kids all over the world," Shearer said.

Goldar said he looks forward to meeting new friends and bettering his English this school year.

Last week, Goldar presented a decorative plate from his city to Grayling Mayor Joe Ferrigan during a Grayling Rotary Club meeting as part of his exchange student program. Ferrigan plans to build a replica of a riverboat to reciprocate the gift.

Shearer has hosted 24 exchange students in his home over the years.

"You learn what the other countries and cultures are like," Shearer said.

He stays in touch with some of the students he has hosted and plans to visit some of their countries, including Argentina, when he retires in a couple of years.

"Once we get there, it's going to be a cultural experience for me," Shearer said.



Diego Goldar is a member of Grayling High School's senior class as he takes part in the Rotary Exchange program.



Photos by Dan Sanderson

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Shelter reps rally to change animal welfare laws

by Jonathan Malavolti
Capital News Service

Supporters of animal shelters and humane societies across the state took a step forward to get their voices heard by legislators. In fact, they took several steps up as they rallied on the steps of the Capitol on Sept. 28.

"I thought it was pretty good for a first time," said Dixie Lobsinger, director of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Lobsinger, along with five other representatives from the Crawford County area, joined about 100 others and braved poor weather to participate in the first annual Animal Welfare Rally.

The rally was sponsored by the Michigan Humane Society, the Crawford shelter, other humane societies, the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and the State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section.

The goal was to tell lawmakers that change is needed in animal

welfare laws and policies.

The groups want to improve the treatment of animals and solve problems they face daily in their shelters.

"Part of what they were trying to do was try to unite - because animal control has always disliked shelters and vice versa," Lobsinger said.

Lobsinger said that relationships with animal control officers, emergency officials who rescue animals, are weak in many shelters across the state.

"They're trying to get them all together on a common front because we all have at least one thing in common. Whether it will work or not, I don't know. I see animal control changing in different places, but there's still a lot of 'good ol' boys' out there."

Cal Morgan, the executive director of the Michigan Humane Society, cited other issues, including the sterilization of animals and animal cruelty.

"In Michigan, 4.3 million animals get to live in homes, but thousands and thousands more are homeless, and that's a problem we want to fix," Morgan said. "And we're all faced with another big problem - cruelty. We get about 6,000 calls about animal cruelty to the Detroit Humane Society each year."

Lobsinger said she and other humane society directors were excited by the idea of the Legislature creating a statewide fund shelters can draw from to pay for spaying and neutering, "providing we all get our share."

"I love the idea of being able to have a fund that we can all draw from for spaying and neutering - providing we all get our share," Lobsinger said.

The Crawford County shelter already spays and neuters all its animals before they are adopted, but it still could use more money to help run the facility, she said.

Several senators also spoke at

the rally.

"This group did such a wonderful job advocating on behalf of the animals, and there are some people in the world that do bad, horrible things to animals," said Sen. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods. "And if it wasn't for groups like the Humane Society and these folks, nobody would be protecting animal rights."

"These people know how to be advocates and how to reach the legislators."

Lobsinger said she had hoped for more participants at the rally but added that some representation was better than none.

"I've felt we've never had fair representation in Lansing. That's why I was urging everyone to come, because I do agree that they need to know that we're not all a bunch of kooks - which is the general consensus about animal people, and there's a lot of us out there."

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"I just think it says something that he went and did something that most people would like to do but they just dream about it," said Crawford, who said Miller was on his mind when he recently went to St. Louis for a Navy reunion. "Grayling should be proud of him."

Miller said he got an appreciation for the river life while working at Jolly Redskin, a canoe liv-

ery Joe Wakeley operated from 1975 to 1986.

Wakeley said he shared the bittersweet feelings with Miller that his trip had ended, and looks forward to catching up with his former employee who lives in Montana.

"It's neat to be in little old Grayling and see somebody doing something like that," Wakeley said.

Miller, who runs a business

which cleans windows for homes and businesses, plans to post more photos and notes to his website in coming months and may even write a book.

"It was really encouraging that other people were following me and took interest in the trip and it was not just for me," he said.

Readers can see photos from Miller's travels at www.lewisandclark-2004.com.

Local employment picture better than a year ago

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Although Michigan has lost 45,000 payroll jobs since August 2003, employment statistics for the month of August 2004, the most recent available, show the employment picture for Crawford County has improved since last year.

In August 2003, there were

5475 working in the county with 450 looking for work, and an unemployment rate of 7.4 percent.

This year, the August figures show 5350 employed, 350 people are looking for work, and an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent.

Last August, four townships, Beaver Creek, Frederic, Lovells

and Maple Forest all had double-digit unemployment rates. This August, only Lovells Township was still at double-digit unemployment, but even that improved from 14.3 percent unemployed to 12.0 percent.

Grayling Township, with an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent, had the lowest rate in the county.

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FALL FLAGS



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Jake Helsel, a Crawford County Road Commission employee who oversees the sign shop, places a fall flag on the light pole in downtown Grayling during the foggy morning Tuesday. The decorative flags are only going up for the second time since they were purchased by the Grayling Promotional Association to help people get into the fall spirit, said Gail Madsen, who is on the GPA's seasonal decorations committee. The flags will be displayed on the light poles until November 1, when the Christmas decorations will go up. The Road Commission places the flags and decorations on the poles as a community service, Madsen said.

View November 2 ballot on-line

The November ballot is available on the Crawford County website www.crawfordco.org so voters can familiarize themselves with all of the candidates and issues.

Applications for absentee ballots can also be downloaded from the website or picked up from the city, township or county clerk. The applications must be returned to the city or town-

ship clerk no later than 4 p.m. November 1.

Registered voters may use absentee ballots for any of the following reasons:

- Expect to be absent from the community during the time the polls are open
- Physically unable to get to the polling place without assistance.
- Religious conflict.

• Working as an election precinct inspector in a different precinct.

- Age 60 or older.
- Confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Completed absentee ballots, with the secrecy envelope, must be returned to the city or township clerk before November 2 or to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. November 2.

Township ordinances to be updated

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Ed Holtcamp, Beaver Creek Planning Commission Chair made recommendations to the Township Board at their October 11 meeting regarding the township ordinances.

The commission has been looking over the township ordinances to try to update and/or simplify the ordinances on the books.

The commission made the following recommendations:

Ordinance 2 which deals with junkyards be scrapped because it

has been superseded by zoning ordinances.

Ordinance 4 which deals with the removal of dangerous structures needs to be rewritten with enforcement powers.

Ordinance 5 which deals with the disposal of waste, mainly involving the transfer station, be changed.

Fire regulations need to be updated.

Road load limit ordinance needs to have enforcement power added.

They also recommended that the cemetery ordinance be given

to the township clerk and supervisor to look over since the commission didn't feel it had the expertise to make recommendations. The clerk and supervisor said they would work on the cemetery ordinance this winter.

At the conclusion of the report, the board passed a motion to ask zoning attorney Richard Lang to look over the ordinances that need to be rewritten especially those involving junk and dangerous structures. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote, with Kathy Mobarak providing the no vote.

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the hunters fee" for someone who provides a photograph of a person riding on the pathway to law enforcement from the ordinance.

Corlew said county officials have also recently become aware of an agreement calling for maintenance and enforcement of usage for the trail which was supposed to be approved by county and state agencies as a stipulation of the grant the county has received for the trail system. She said the agreement is supposed to have been signed by the DNR, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Crawford AuSable Schools, Grayling Township, the Crawford County Transportation Authority and Sheriff's Department. Corlew, however, said that neither she nor Wakefield recall having the agreement presented to county officials for their approval.

"That's going to change the complexity of all of this," Corlew said.

Zigala said he still believes the trail could be protected through proper signage and trail etiquette education.

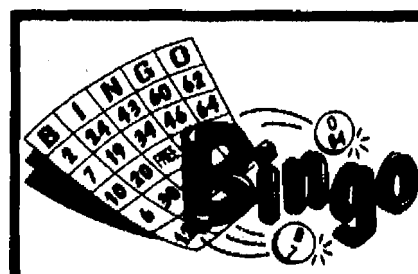
"The main premise of all this is trying to protect the trail and I still don't think we need an ordinance to do it," Zigala said.

Koppa acknowledged that the county officials face a tough decision with the ordinance, but said signage and placing snow fence along the trail has failed to keep snowmobiles off the pathway.

"It only takes a few that can get on the trail that can cause damage that isn't repairable," Koppa said.

Miles said he believes the committee is a good step forward to protect the businesses which rely on the snowmobile crowd. "We're a front, line business

and we're directly effected by snowmobilers," Miles said. "We need to compromise and get beyond this problem."



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Grayling Post Office: Refreshments. Register to win prizes.

Goodale's Bakery: Thank you for 33 years. Stop in for a complimentary cup of cider.

Grayling Restaurant: Free coffee with \$1.50 meal purchase.

Doorways of the North: 5% off any product purchased Thursday, October 14th.

Flowers by Josie: Stop in for a free carnation.

AuSable Gifts: In-store sale, complimentary treats.

Grayling Pharmacy: Stop in and receive free ink pen.

Bicycle Shop: Year End Sale. Open Tues-Sat 10-6.

Gray Rock Cafe: 10% off meals all day (excluding alcohol).

Dubois Lumber: Complimentary refreshments.

Riverland: Thank You Riverland customers stop by for a free slice of pie.

Great Lakes Mortgage: Free appraisal with loan approval.

Jansen Insurance Agency: Free coffee and cookies.

Parrott's Perch Boutique & Parrott's Perch Craft Shoppe: Sign up for monthly drawing.

Spike's Keg O' Nails: Free french fries with sandwich order & Happy Hour all day.

Darlene's Milltown Groomers: Bring in pet for free nail clipping.

Medicine Shoppe: 25% off all Medicine Shoppe Brand Label Products.

Cornell Insurance: Complimentary treat.

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Cornell Real Estate: Enjoy complimentary refreshments

Northern Expressions: Complimentary coffee & cookies.

Fick & Sons: Free Coffee and Donuts.

American Legion Lounge: Happy Hour, 10am to 5pm.

Citizens Bank: Inside bank ~ donuts and coffee served.

Chamber of Commerce: Refreshments will be served. Free snowmobile maps & Phone Guide

J Dap Co.: Hourly drawings for J.Dap Gift certificates from 11-4, select sale items.

Ice House: Stop in for a free cup of soup, plus free rug hooking demonstrations and 10% off rug hooking supplies.

Grayling Holiday Inn: Free pancakes with any breakfast between 7am - 10am. Register to win lunch for two.

Davis Jewelers: Free watch battery and installation on Thurs. Oct. 14 only. Limit one per customer.

Scheer Motors: Lube, oil & filter for \$17.95 on Thursday, October 14th only. Up to five quarts of oil, not valid with any other offer. 29 minute guarantee not applicable.

7-Eleven: Free Super Big Gulp with purchase of any roller grill item, 9 am to 4 pm, October 14th.

Heads Up North: Complimentary refreshments and 10% off all styling products.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County: Adopt an Adult Cat Special. Spayed, neutered, leukemia tested, declawed and vaccinated. Only \$75 - that's a savings of \$25! Includes one month's free pet health care insurance. Meet your new best friend today! Hours 9 am to 3 pm PH: 348-4117

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Grayling Big Boy Restaurant: Free coffee or regular-size soft drink with any purchase of breakfast, lunch or dinner entree.

Chemical Bank: Stop in for complimentary refreshments.

RE/MAX of Grayling: Doughnuts, cider, coffee and free balloons for children.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

New draft worries this undecided voter

ELECTION DAY draws ever nearer — less than four weeks away as this is written — and here's one probable voter who still can't make up his mind.

About six weeks ago, I wrote an Almanack titled "Portrait of an Undecided Voter," and I fit snugly within the snapshot of undecided voters drawn from a national poll by the Zogby polling organization.

I can't speak for the rest of those undecided voters, but more than a month later, I'm still undecided.

"It's an uncomfortable position," I wrote then; it still is. I would be much happier to be as certain about my presidential choice as are most of my friends. On most election issues, I know where I stand; but for president, I'm still up in the air.

The national conventions didn't help. Late blooming political advertising and campaigning are not convincing. The debates mainly rehash what we already know and reinforce what we already

feel.

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ONE QUESTION in the presidential debate, however, helped me focus on what matters most to me in this election.

The Iraq war and international affairs are the most important issues in this election. I can understand and even find some merit in the positions of both President George Bush and Sen. John Kerry, as I understand them, even though they are direct opposites. Each has promise and each has problems.

Most voters are selfish. They will vote their personal self interests.

This year, in the presidential race, I'm selfish, too, and my own self-interests finally will decide how I vote.

For me, it boils down to reinstating the draft.

The public position of both candidates is against reinstating the draft. Last week the House shot down a renewed draft by a vote of 402-2.

In the second presidential debate, each

candidate was asked point blank if he would begin drafting again.

It will never happen while he's president, promised Mr. Bush, who went on and on about his vision of the military of the future.

Mr. Kerry in a simple declaration said he opposes the draft, and then side-tracked to his customary diatribes about the president's conduct of the war in Iraq.

That should settle the matter — but for this grandfather of nine, there's still concern.

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DEBATE ASSURANCES that the draft is dead offer little solace.

"Not while I'm president," promised Mr. Bush. Fine, but that echoes another candidate Bush who promised just as stoutly: "Read my lips. No new taxes." Changing conditions can demand an embarrassing but necessary retrenchment.

A second term for Mr. Bush can be

considered endorsement of his policies and conduct so far, and we can expect more of the same.

Mr. Kerry's no-draft promise seemed automatic and without conviction, which many of his campaign promises seem to me.

If faced with continuing military crises in Iraq and Afghanistan, pursuing terrorists world wide, facing down potential crises in Iran and Korea and others as they may develop, how could a President Kerry carry out all these military obligations without putting more military boots on the ground ... and whose feet would fill those boots?

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IT'S NOT A QUESTION of serving our country in a just and necessary cause; however, compulsory military service for an unwise and/or unnecessary war is quite another matter.

Grandson Josh is 19 and a prime candidate for immediate draft. Joe is pushing 16, and draft-eligible well within a

four year presidential term. Two other grandsons are 9 and 10, but unless the United States pursues more peaceful and more effective ways to assert ourselves among nations, their draft futures are in doubt, too.

And of course there's the unanswered but inevitable debate about drafting women, too, which could concern five granddaughters.

All these considerations bring into sharp focus how we deal with (a) the present Iraq and Afghanistan wars; (b) continuing battles against worldwide terrorism; and (c) future international crises.

Which candidate will best protect my loved ones?

I'm still not sure but I'm edging ever closer to a conclusion.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Where do we draw the line?

To the editor:

Last weekend I was driving along 72 West just enjoying the day. I looked over by Skip's Sport Shop and saw something that really made me smile. On the bike trail there was a young man in a wheel chair laughing and having a great time. Seeing this was so awesome. Last year I spoke with a gentleman who had no legs. He went from the high school to town on the bike trail in his wheel chair that he had fixed up like a bike and peddled using his arms and hands. I am so impressed as to how determined the handicapped are.

I am not against snowmobiling and I know there are handicapped snowmobilers. My question is, would these people who do not snowmobile be able to continue to take advantage of

our beautiful bike trails if they get ruined by studded snowmobiles? There are a lot of trails out there for the people who snowmobile to get to. There are a lot of trails that will bring them to our local businesses without using the bike trails. Why does this have to be such an issue for our town? Why would anyone want to ruin these beautiful trails when so many people, young, old and the handicapped enjoy them?

Would you want to allow dirt bikes or mini bikes, or how about four-wheelers on them in the summer months? I believe that these people also bring their business to our community. Where do we draw the line?

Mary Neal Grayling

Stealing signs is illegal

To the editor:

Once again when we are in an election cycle some people seem to get the idea that destroying political yard signs is an okay action.

Some people have reported their signs are disappearing or being destroyed nearly as fast as they can replace them.

Number one, it is violating the sign owners constitutional right to free speech. So this is a federal offense like destroying a mail box. Number two, it is the theft

or destruction of someone else's property. And number three, it is illegal to trespass as the offender has to come on private property without permission to commit the offense.

I hope bringing this to the offender's attention or their parents attention, if they are juveniles, will put an end to this offense without legal action when someone is caught.

Arthur Thayer Grayling

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Reforming the Intelligence Community

Today, the greatest threats facing our national security come from terrorists. We are less likely to be attacked by nations and armies with tanks and missiles, and more likely to be attacked by terrorists with bombs hidden in trucks or strapped to their bodies.

Since terrorists are not deterred by the threat of their own destruction, and because terrorist networks are so diffuse, accurate intelligence is absolutely essential to preventing terrorist attacks.

The release of the 9/11 Commission Report had fueled a debate about how our intelligence community should be reformed to better respond to the terrorist threat. This is a debate we need to have.

But in structurally reforming the agencies that make up our Intelligence Community, we should not lose sight of the fundamental problem that was demonstrated by the pre-Iraq War intelligence failures - the manipulation of intelligence to support a specific policy.

The Senate Intelligence Committee investigated the failures of the Intelligence Community in the period leading up to the Iraq War. The

Committee identified several instances where the CIA director made public statements that expressed significantly more certainty about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) than was justified by the underlying classified intelligence.

The first conclusion of the unanimous report issued by the Senate Intelligence Committee states that, "Most of the major key judgments in the Intelligence Community's October 2002 National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), Iraq's Continuing Programs for Weapons of Mass Destruction, either overstated or were not supported by the underlying intelligence reporting."

The CIA's efforts to support Administration policy instead of doing what they are supposed to do, which is to inform Administration policy makers with objective and independent intelligence, wasn't limited to WMD issues. Former CIA Director George Tenet also backed up the Administration's contention that Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda were closely linked. This took a special contortion on Tenet's part because the CIA's then-classified analysis stated that there were no sig-

nificant links between Saddam Hussein and al Qaeda.

In contrast to the manipulation of intelligence to support Administration policy leading up to the Iraq War, the intelligence failures before 9/11 related to intelligence agencies not using the information they had and not sharing that information with others.

We need to keep the reasons for both of these failures in mind as we consider reforming the Intelligence Community.

Most of the reform focus so far has been on fixing the pre-9/11 type failures - that is, the failures of information sharing and coordination. At least as important as these reforms, and arguably even more so, is the need to protect the independence, objectivity and integrity of intelligence analyses.

I was pleased that during consideration of intelligence reform legislation, the Governmental Affairs Committee adopted an amendment I offered to help assure that a National Intelligence Director (NID) will be independent and will produce objective intelligence. Among other provisions, my amendment explicitly places the NID outside the Executive Office of

the President and away from the politics and policy debates of that office. My amendment also puts in place mechanisms to provide congressional access to critical intelligence information, thereby strengthening congressional oversight of the intelligence community and reducing the chance that intelligence will be shaped to meet the policy goals of any Administration.

The Senate will now consider the Governmental Affairs Committee's bill and other reforms, and I intend to do what I can to make sure that the independence of the NID and the objectivity of intelligence are a focus of those debates.

The bottom line is that terrorism is our number one threat and intelligence is our most essential tool to deal with that threat. Before we create a stronger National Intelligence Director, we must take steps to ensure that the person serving in that position, indeed our entire intelligence Community, are better equipped to provide objective, independent intelligence analyses. A National Intelligence Director must not be a more powerful "yes man" for the Administration in power. Our security depends on it.

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

"Christmas in October" Bazaar to be held

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, County Rd 612, Lewiston, will be holding their 21st annual "Christmas in October Bazaar" on October 16, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. Arts and crafts of all kinds, decorating items, bake sale, hourly drawings for items donated by the various vendors and lunch will be available.

Treatsters needed for library fun night

The Crawford County Library is sponsoring a fun night on Thursday, October 21, at the Ausable Primary School gym at 6:30 p.m. with Gordon the Magician. After the show the library hopes to line the parking lot from the school to the library with opened-trunk cars and volunteers to dispense treats to the young folks. At the end cider will be served at the library. If you've been missing the fun of seeing goblins at your door in the countryside, or just love the fun of costumes and little people, join us as we establish a new tradition in Grayling. Sign up at the library or call 348-9214 by October 15.

River House Shelter holds open house

The River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services will be holding a Balloon Launch and Open House on October 23, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., located at 1009 North Down River Road, Grayling. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the shelter will be celebrating survivors and remembering victims. Remember to wear your purple lapel ribbon. For questions or to RSVP call 989-348-3169.

Collecting Bears for Make a Difference Day

The Northland Area Federal Credit Union will be collecting new Teddy Bears until Friday, October 22 to donate to the City of Grayling Fire Department. The Teddy Bears will be distributed by the fire department to children during times of crisis. Anyone interested in donating bears or money to purchase bears can do so at the Grayling branch during normal business hours. For any questions contact Marjie at 989-348-5441.

Ostomy Association to hold meeting

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, October 17, at 2 p.m. at the Cheboygan Memorial Hospital cafeteria in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are cordially invited. Please call (989) 821-5721 for further information.

Retired school personnel to meet

The Crawford-Oscoda Chapter of MARSP (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) will hold its fall meeting on Thursday, October 21 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. The luncheon will begin at noon, cost \$8 per person. Jim Keyser from the National Weather Service in Waters will be the guest speaker. All retired public school employees in the area are welcomed to attend. Door prizes will also be given. Call Gayle at 348-5944 by Sunday, October 17, to make your reservation. Please feel free to bring your spouse or a guest.

Project Graduation to sell Krispy Kremes

The Project Graduation Committee and members of the Senior class will be taking orders for Krispy Kreme doughnuts on October 11 through October 22 with delivery on October 28. If interested in ordering see a GHS senior or call 348-3130.

City-wide prayer meeting to be held

The Burning Bush Tabernacle will be hosting a city wide prayer meeting concerning the needs of our city on Saturday, October 16, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as time permits. For more information call Pastor Petrie at 989-348-1278.

Minor hockey assoc. is registering players

SKATE North, Kalkaska Minor Hockey Association is registering players 2nd through 12th grades for the 2004-2005 season. Practice is starting soon and games will begin in November. Call Helen for more information at 231-258-8987 or go to www.skatenorth.org to print a registration form.

Travelogue features "Iraq"

The 32nd season of the Travel and Adventure series presents "Iraq" hosted by Mike Shiley on October 14 at the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. This presentation begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 for students and senior citizens and are available in advance by calling 348-7146 or at the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, Flowers by Josie and also sold at the door.

Republican meeting to be held

The Crawford County Republican Party will meet at the party headquarters, 127 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, on Monday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. All interested supporters are invited to attend. Because of limited seating it is suggested that people bring their own chairs. Yard signs will be available.

C.O.A. to hold T.E.F.B. recertification

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will hold recertification for T.E.F.B. on October 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center office on Lawndale. If you receive Social Security or State assistance you could qualify for T.E.F.B. This is an every three-month food program. To sign up you must have proof of your address. If signing up for another person you must have a signed note from that person giving you permission. Food will not be distributed on this day.

College financial aid planning night

There will be a valuable College Financial Planning Workshop on October 27, at the Grayling High School, at 6:30 p.m., that will focus on high school sophomores and Juniors (all grade levels are welcome). The workshop will cover the FAFSA form and all the other information you need to understand in order to maximize the amount of financial aid you are eligible for.

In this workshop, you will learn: How to increase your tax deductions, in addition to the

Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credit. How parent and student financial earnings will count against them when applying for financial aid. How to get ahead by developing a financial plan for all college costs you will incur. Learn what assets are taken into consideration when the U.S. Department of Education calculates your family contribution.

Reservations are necessary. Call Lisa Whelton at 877-528-4498.

Grayling Rotary Minstrel Show features 'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly'

Do you remember the Heroic Stunts of SuperDave (John Alef) on stage in 1995? Or, the wisdom of Reverend LeRoy (Mike Branch) giving his sermon? Or, the antics of Chen (Rob Aubry) at the best Chinese Restaurant in town, Chen's Chophouse (shrash) Animal Shelter? Or, how about that wind-up City Manager doll that had all those great sayings like "I know, I just let Skip and Gail do it."

The Grayling Rotary Club is at it again. This year's Minstrel Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., at the newly constructed Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Aptly reflective of the local Rotary Club, the title of the Show is "The Good,

The Bad, and the Ugly!"

This year's show also sees the return of the New Reformation Band. The Band will start playing at 7 p.m.

Tickets to the show are \$5 and can be purchased from Chemical Bank, Citizens Bank, Fifth Third Bank, Big Boy, and the Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC, or at the door the night of the performance.

The proceeds that the Rotary Club obtain return right back into the local community for good works.

Its been two years since the last show. So, come out and support the local Rotary Club and see which locals the Rotarians poke fun at this year.

Grayling Secretary of State branch office closing for renovations

The Grayling Secretary of State branch office will close for renovations Monday, October 18 through Wednesday, October 20.

The office at 2384C I-75 Business Loop will reopen Thursday, October 21 at 9 a.m. Residents wishing to transact business during the temporary closure are encouraged to visit one of the following branch offices: Gaylord - 829 W. Main Street, 989-732-1413. Business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Kalkaska - 114 Northland Plaza, 231-258-

9166.

Business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Customers who need to renew vehicle license plates can "skip the trip" to a branch office by using the internet, mail, or touch-tone telephone. Easy-to-follow instructions are enclosed with the renewal notice.

Visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos for more information.

Roscommon Rotary to hold Vegas Fantasy Night

"Play Texas Hold 'Em and other challenging games of chance like Black Jack, Craps and Roulette at the Roscommon Rotary Club's Vegas Fantasy Night on Friday, November 5, at the Roscommon Knights of Columbus Hall.

Prizes include a \$2,500 grand prize, a Las Vegas vacation or the use of a Hilton Head Condo for one week. In addition, several golf, dinner and entertainment prizes will be awarded.

Tickets for the event are \$60 per person, which includes food, drinks, entertainment and the chance to win one of several prizes. Entrance to the "Vegas

Room" will require a minimum chip purchase with prizes awarded to the highest chip holders at the end of the night.

Through community support of events like these, Roscommon Rotary has been able to award thousands of dollars to many worthwhile projects in the area. Among them the organization has donated \$44,000, and hundreds of hours in manpower to build baseball fields at Roscommon's Metropolitan Park.

Door open for Vegas Fantasy Night at 6 p.m., and the winning begins immediately. All are welcomed.

Registration for December ACT test

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on December 11, the next national test date. The deadline for postmark registration is November 5. The late registration deadline is November 18 (an additional \$15 fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their guidance counselor or they can register online at www.actstudent.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The exam is administered in all 50 states. Students can find the closest testing location by searching on ACT's website.

Some students perform better on the ACT because it is based on achievement, not aptitude. The ACT exam includes four parts: English, reading, mathematics and science. It takes three hours to complete. The test fee is \$28. Free sample tests are available from high school counselors and sample questions can be found on ACT's website, which also offers inexpensive practice tests.


Beginning in February, 2005, an optional writing test will be added to the ACT Assessment. Since many colleges will not require a writing score, students will only have to take the writing test if their college requires it. Otherwise, they may opt for the regular ACT Assessment without

the writing test.

Students who plan to start college in the fall of 2006 should check with prospective colleges to find out if a writing score is required.


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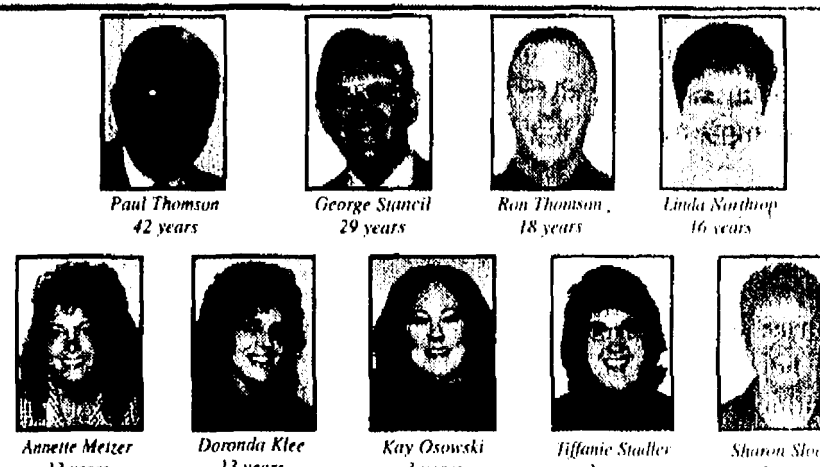
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Thank You Grayling Day

Thursday, October 14th

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The Bible Speaks

Danger in Politics

In the last century, global Marxism had two approaches to world control. The Communists used violence and the Socialists used politics, while both were working together to bring about global Marxism. So also in this century, the radical Islamists are using terrorism and the "peaceful" Muslims are using politics, while both share a common goal of spreading global theocracy under the Koran to strengthen the "Ummah" with the goal of a global Muslim theocratic state. They are fighting on three fronts. First, they are fighting to overthrow secular governments within Islamic states. Second, they are fighting in fringe states which have Muslim minorities. And third, they are fighting against Israel, America, and all western states which they call the great "Satan."

While our soldiers are fighting against Islamic fascism abroad, "peaceful" Muslims are working within America to gain political power. Cynthia McKinney of Georgia who lost her seat in the U.S. House of Representatives is now running for the U.S. Senate with large-scale Muslim support. Daniel Pipes, director of the Middle East Forum, reports among her financial supporters are: "Hani Y. Awadallah president, Arab American Civic Organization, New Jersey; Jesse Aweida co-founder, American Task Force on Palestine; Belal Dalati a vice president of Arab-American Broadcasting Co. (Orange County Register, February 19, 2002) associated with the Council on American-Islamic Relations; Hasan Elkhatab member, board of directors, American Islamic Educational Foundation (MetroWest Jewish News, October 10, 1996); Yaser

Elmshawy - chairman, Islamic Council of New Jersey; Rafeeq Jaber president, Islamic Association for Palestine, a Hamas offshoot; Oussama Jammal president, Bridgeview Mosque; Samer Khalaf - chairman, American Arab Anti Discrimination Committee's Political Outreach Committee in New Jersey; Farouq Khan president, Islamic Center of Long Island, also connected to the American Muslim Alliance and Islamic Society of North America; Mahmoud A Nimer - member, board of directors, Islamic Academy of Florida, Tampa (an Islamic school established by Sami al-Arian; al-Arian's indictment indicates the school was used as a base of support for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad); Ayman Osman - member, board of directors, Islamic Academy of Florida, Tampa; employer of Hatem Fariz, arrested on terrorism charges and charged with being a member of Palestinian Islamic Jihad; Talat Othman - former chairman of the Islamic Free Market Institute; secretary/treasurer of the American Task Force on Palestine; Khalid Qazi former president, American Muslim Council of western New York State; Hareth Raddawi - member, board of directors, American-Arab Anti Discrimination Committee, Chicago; Allam Rehem - former member, board of directors, Islamic Academy of Florida, Tampa; Talat Sunbuli - former chairman, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, and James Zogby - president, Arab American Institute."

Erick Stakelbeck reported in the New York Post that "McKinney has long associated with militant Islamic groups whose members have openly

supported terrorism. She has also taken donations from individuals suspected of terrorist ties." Stakelbeck said, "But McKinney hasn't just taken money from radical Islamists she has taken to the floor of the House to defend them." He also said McKinney complained that, "thousands of Muslims and Arab Americans... have been detained on secret evidence, no evidence, no charges" as a result of the War on Terror. She's also blamed American sanctions for causing the death of over one million innocent Iraqis."

McKinney has the right to represent and defend Muslims, but you also have the right to know about it. After giving detailed proof supporting the charges in his column Stakelbeck concluded by saying, "With the United States in the midst of a war for its very survival, Georgians and all Americans can ill afford the return to office of someone so sympathetic to our terrorist enemies."

Defending our past, present, and future freedoms in America should be a consensus view uniting all Americans regardless of race, religion, origin, sex, or any other diversities. If we lose the freedoms God gave America, we lose everything else. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.12k.net/eba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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OBITUARIES

Henry A. Reniger, Jr.
Jun. 23, 1924 - Oct. 7, 2004

Henry A. Reniger, Jr., 80, of Grayling, passed away on October 7, 2004, following a long illness.

Henry was born on June 23, 1924 in Lansing, to Henry Austin and Hazel (Gauss) Reniger. He lived in the East Lansing area most of his life, moving to Grayling after retirement.

Mr. Reniger was a graduate of East Lansing High School, and attended Michigan State College. He owned Reniger Construction Company, a prominent commercial construction company in Lansing, and was presented with a centennial award from the Historical Society of Michigan as the business reached its 100th year. He was a member of East Lansing Lodge #480, F.&A.M., one of the founders and a board member of the Lansing/North Lansing Railroad Museum, as well as being a former director of the Lansing Junior Chamber of Commerce and being actively involved in the Downtown Riverwalk Project.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Shirley; three sons, Hal, Brian and John Reniger; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on October 11, 2004 in Lansing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Devereaux Crawford County Library.

Helen Easter Warner

Apr. 4, 1915 - Oct. 11, 2004

Helen Easter Warner, 89, died on October 11, 2004. Visitation will be on Friday, October 15, at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be on Saturday, October 16 at 11 a.m.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

In memory of

Ernie Kish

October 16, 2003

In memory of my Hungarian friend Ernie Kish. You were taken from us one year ago my friend, and though you are not here with us your memory will live on in our hearts and in our mind.

You were truly a gift from God and will be remembered always.

John and Cheri Blaine

In memory of

Russel D. Stone (R.D.)

October 13, 1998

It's been six years since the Lord called you home. (R.D.) forever Love (E.J.). Miss you. Forever in our hearts.

Your family



Eva M. Bidwell

July 9, 1914 - Oct. 2, 2004

Eva M. Bidwell, 90, passed away on October 2, 2004 at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

Eva was born on July 9, 1914 in Slaughters, Kentucky to Harrison and Lillie Gladys (Donahoo) Dean. She was married to Homer W. Bidwell on December 22, 1934 in Madisonville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Bidwell moved from Romulus to Grayling in 1976. She was a member of Michelson Memorial Methodist Church, the Order of the Eastern Stars and the White Shrine in Dearborn.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary (James) Phelps of Grayling, Linda Henry of Cheasapeake, Virginia; three sons: Robert (Joan) Bidwell of Taylor, Monty (Janice) Bidwell of Grayling, James (Margie) Bidwell of Newark, Ohio; 20 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Emma Collier of Arizona and Mary Karpinski of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Virginia Kassab; and a son Gerald Bidwell.

An Eastern Star service was held on October 4, 2004 and funeral services were held on October 5, 2004 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Robert Schoenhals officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Card of Thanks

There are not enough "thank you" words to express our thanks for the memorials, flowers, letters, cards, notes and also for coming to help us say our farewells (cheerio) to our Jon, until we meet again in our internal home. We will always remember your friendship. It has meant so much to me and my family.

Most sincerely,

Dorothy McLeod

also, Brenda Gibbs (Jon's Fiance) and family

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, October 14 - Lunch - macaroni and cheese w/ smoked sausage, Green Bean Almandine, cauliflower and applesauce. Dinner - creamed chicken over biscuits, winter squash, winter blend and peaches. 9 a.m. Paddle Boat trip, 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks, 5:15 p.m. speaker, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

Friday, October 15 - Lunch -

stuffed chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, corn and pineapple. 12 p.m. Satellite lunch in Lovells. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Sunday, October 17 - Brunch - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pancakes and sausage, eggs, fruit bar, juice, coffee and milk. \$3.25 seniors and under 12, \$3.50 non-seniors.

Monday, October 18 - Lunch - spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, spinach, mixed fruit salad. Dinner - meatloaf, AuGratin Potatoes, mixed vegetable, Carrifruit Salad. 9:30 a.m. COA Board meeting, 12 p.m. Stag Club, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Hangman.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing is scheduled for the period October 13 - 19, 2004.

The Range 40 complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during the following dates: October 13 - 15, 17 and 19.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. October 15 - 16.

ARF Range located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek. October 16.

Range 30 complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd.; south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. October 15 - 16.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on October 15 - 16: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd; Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.; Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation, Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

MILITARY NEWS

Joseph Zelek, a 2004 graduate of Grayling High School in Grayling, enlisted in the Marine Corps on May 12, 2004 at Marine Corps Recruiting Substation West Branch for the Delayed Entry Program. Zelek enlisted for four years, and is scheduled to report to Marine Corps recruit training on or about January 3, 2005 in San Diego, California, and is expected to graduate recruit training on or about April 15, 2005. Zelek is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Zelek of Grayling.

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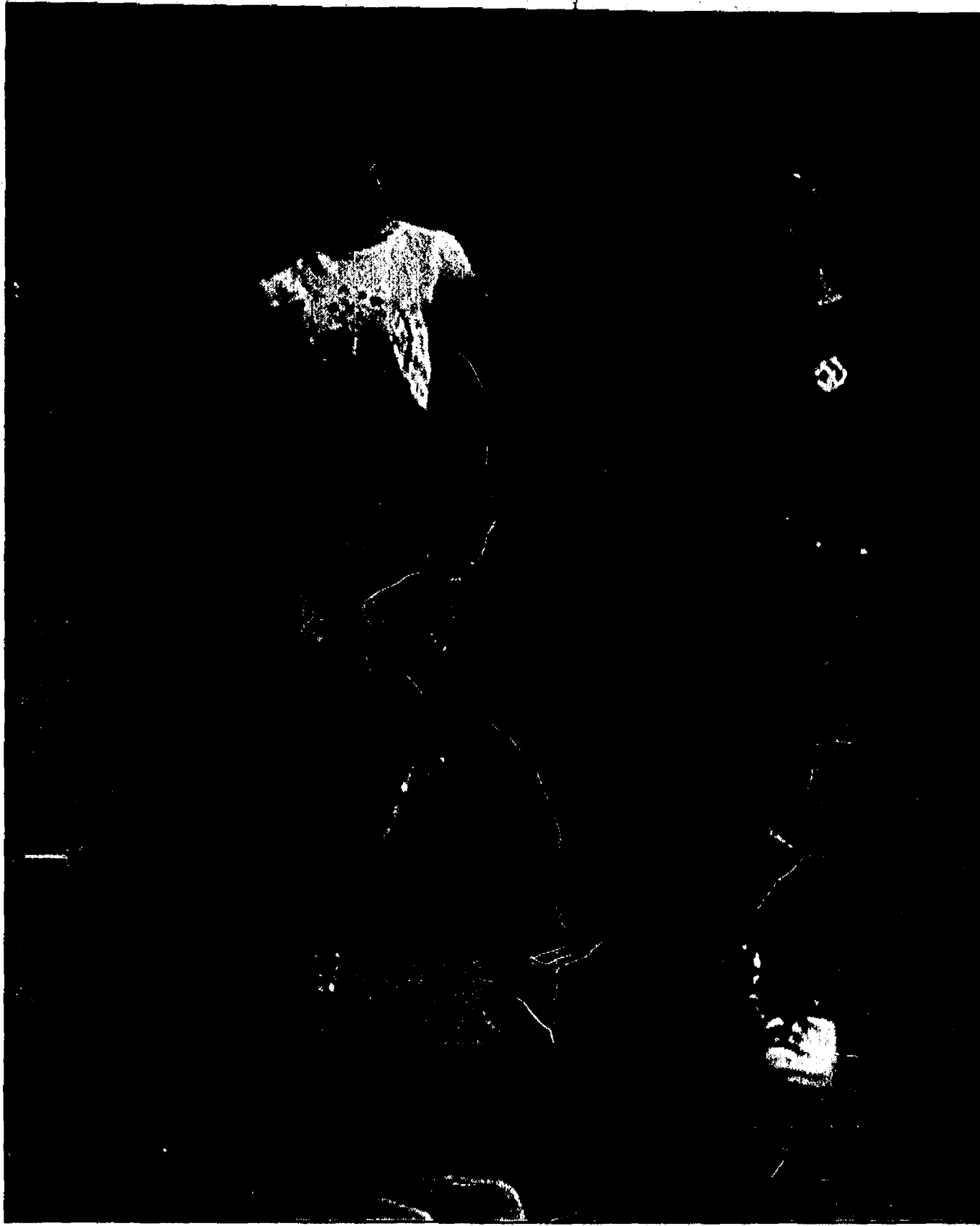
RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for October 10 - of \$25 each:

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Elementary walk-a-thon helps those in need



Jacquelynn Lownsbury (back, left), Tabitha Day (back, right) and Jillian Calvin were three of the nearly 340 students at Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary who participated in a Walk-A-Thon on October 1 to raise money for the "We Care/We Share" fund. The money earned by the two elementary buildings, a total of \$4,387, will be used to help students who are undergoing extreme hardships. Fourth grade teacher Dawn Feldhauser, who organized the event, said, "working in partnership with the community truly makes a difference in the lives of our students."

Photo courtesy of CASD

Discount card reduces cost of medication for uninsured Michigan residents

By AMANDA WRENN
Capital News Service

Beginning this month, qualified Michigan residents are eligible for a prescription discount card that will save them an average of 20 percent on medications.

The card is available to people who lack prescription drug coverage and fall at or below income guidelines. Individuals who make less than \$27,930 and families of four with incomes less than \$56,550 qualify. The cards are free and accepted at more than 2,000 pharmacies.

At a time when more Michiganders are crossing the border to Canada to save on drugs, the state is "really focused to assure drugs are cheaper in this country," said T.J. Bucholz, communications director for the state Department of Community Health.

Cardholders can save from 5 percent to 25 percent, depending on the type of drugs and whether

there is a generic version available.

Unlike federal Medicare discount cards that have a \$1,200 savings credit, the cards issued by the state do not have a savings cap. The new cards are also different from other state programs because they don't place an age limit on beneficiaries.

According to Kaiser Foundation studies, 46 million Americans are uninsured—one million of them in Michigan. The cards are a long-term solution to part of an insurance problem, but the state needs a long-term solution to ensure better health care, not just drug coverage, Bucholz added.

"Everybody suffers but this program is designed to help the most vulnerable," he said. "Health insurance depends on how healthy a person is. For example, young people don't realize they need it until there is a problem. We're trying to make sure there is a limited safety net

for individuals with no health insurance at all."

Uninsured residents and affordable medications are also an issue for the Michigan Pharmacists Association because "more people are on more drugs and the people who need them the most are often the people who can't afford them," said Andrea Rybicki, communications director for the association.

"There is a concern anytime people need prescription drugs but can't afford them so they don't take them," she said. "However, a lot of people don't understand the process and blame pharmacists even though they have no control over it."

The Kaiser Commission of Medicaid and the Uninsured reported that uninsured Americans could incur nearly \$41 billion in uncompensated health treatment in 2004 alone. Local, state and federal governments often end up paying 85 percent of the cost. The commis-

sion estimates that insuring the uninsured would cost the country \$48 billion a year.

The new discount card will not add to the state's expenses because the discount is based on rebates negotiated with pharmaceutical companies for buying prescriptions under Medicaid.

Residents seeking discount cards and other medical assistance can go to their local Family Independence Agency office, where a case worker will determine what services they are eligible for, FIA media director Stephen Schlinder said.

Bucholz said Community Health estimates it will eventually receive about 200,000 applications and hopes to sign up about 50,000 people by the end of the year. Applications are available at several local pharmacies, FIA offices, health care offices and on the department's Web site at www.mi.gov/mdch.

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Take steps to help kids maintain healthy weight

By Ernie Harwell



It disturbs me to hear about the growing obesity problem among children. Today, one out of every five children in our country is overweight and the number keeps getting bigger.

That's bad news, not just because of the effect on kids' health today, but because overweight kids tend to become overweight adults with increased chances of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and the like.

Here are some things you as parents can do to try and help prevent your kids from becoming overweight:

- * Don't insist that your child clean his or her plate all the time.
- * Get active with your children by walking or going for a bike ride with them.
- * Try to keep TV watching and video game playing to a minimum.
- * Avoid rewarding kids with sweet desserts like candy and cookies.

It turns out that the best way to help your kids is to set a good example. This way, you develop healthy habits to benefit you, and your kids see a good role model for healthy living.

Like a double play at the old ballpark, it's two for the price of one!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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Watershed protection plans gain bipartisan support

by Aaron Foley
Capital News Service

Watersheds in Michigan are getting more attention, and potentially more protection.

A bill moving through the Legislature would allow multiple watershed organizations to ally themselves to solve problems relating to watershed management and water quality.

Watershed alliances also would have the option of soliciting donations and hiring staff.

A watershed is where surface water drains into a common river, stream or body of water. More than 30 bodies of water in Michigan, including River Raisin, St. Joseph River, Detroit River, Lake Macatawa and Grand Traverse Bay, have a watershed organization.

"Human activities on land can result in major impacts on water quality," said Bob McCann, public information officer at the Department of Environmental Quality, citing such activity as construction and agriculture.

Jim Stingle of the Sturgeon/Otter River Watershed Council in Houghton said he is glad legislators are giving watersheds more attention.

"They've recognized the benefits of watersheds. All along, I

think they've been supporting watershed planning and development."

But there's still more work to be done, Stingle said.

"They can always improve funding. That's always a problem," he said. "I would like to see them put more emphasis on it."

The bipartisan sponsors include State Sens. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Burton Leland, D-Detroit, Dennis Olshove, D-Warren, and Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township.

McCann said, "The legislation recognizes the importance of managing resources such as public education, outreach and local stewardship. We certainly feel that those are certainly among the best ways of managing a watershed."

Watershed management has become a more visible issue to residents, McCann said.

"When you have that type of public awareness, it translates into legislative awareness," McCann said.

The next step, McCann said, is making sure watershed organizations understand the benefits they would get if the bill becomes law, and also helping

legislators use the proposed law to its full potential.

"We're looking forward to working with the legislature on this bill," McCann said.

James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council, said the general concept of the bill is good.

"We like any law that's encouraging people to think on a watershed basis when it comes to water resources," Clift said, "but we keep encouraging people to think outside the watershed."

Other water-management suggestions Clift offered were inter-governmental agency cooperation and better supporting drain commissions.

The bill, which has passed the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, needs to be implemented carefully and ensure it doesn't conflict with other laws that protect water resources, Clift said. It is awaiting full Senate action.

Eric Kerney of the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council in Portage pointed out the long-term benefits of watershed legislation. "Any legislation that's going to work on watershed improvement is good — that means cleaner Great Lakes."

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State seeks comments on off-road vehicle plan

by Brian Foley

Capital News Service

Michigan's 25-year-old Off-Road Vehicle plan has collected too much dust. So the Department of Natural Resources is calling on the public to help update it.

DNR will hold public hearings Oct. 12 in Lansing, Oct. 13 in Grayling and Oct. 14 in Marquette to receive comment.

"This is a plan we are supposed to be updating every two

years," said Jim Radabaugh, DNR's state trails coordinator. "It was something everyone was happy with for a while but at this point we felt it was really important to receive some public comment."

The DNR's revised plan, scheduled for release in January, will focus on managing trails in public land under the state's jurisdiction.

Radabaugh said he doesn't know what feedback the public will provide, but he's heard complaints that there's not enough ORV access to trails, especially in the Lower Peninsula.

"The one I keep hearing from people is that there needs to be more opportunities for people to ride and more access," he said.

Trail areas have other uses such as logging and habitat preservation, he said. "We have multiple positions we have to fulfill."

ORV advocates say that some existing trails are inaccessible and eroding. In the Lower Peninsula, trails for ORVs are closed unless a sign specifically indicates that they are open. If there is no sign, access isn't allowed.

"That's exactly the case down

here," said Bill Chapin, executive director of the Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan in Rives Junction. "There have been a lot of good things happening with the trails with modifying them. But what we need to do is expand these facilities to meet the needs of more users."

ORVs are motorized vehicles, excluding snowmobiles, designed to travel on all types of terrain, from muddy swamps to snowy fields. There have been 40,000 newly registered trail users since 1990, which is why DNR should expand its ORV program, Chapin said. The current plan includes more than 3,000 miles of trails.

Anne Woiwode, executive director of the Sierra Club in Michigan, said the DNR should use caution in considering opening more public land to ORVs.

"The question isn't about access," said Woiwode. "The question is whether there is a balance. The endangered species that exist in our state are much more likely to be protected on public land. There is a finite amount of public land, so this must be considered."

The increasing number of ORVs has contributed to air and noise pollution in habitats

around trails, she said.

"They have also been notorious for causing forest fires," she said. "Also, people get out farther into the woods, into the countryside and dump their trash. It's hard to monitor that."

However, Chapin said, trails are meant to protect the environment because they keep people from steering off into natural habitats.

"The whole reason behind the trail system is to create designated areas so that the environment isn't harmed," he said. "If trails are expanded around designated areas, this works to benefit the environment."

Radabaugh expects the hearings to be lively.

"I expect there to be a fair amount of people," he said.

ORV hearings:

--7 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Holiday

Inn on Cedar Street in Lansing

--7 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Holiday

Inn along I-75 in Grayling

--7 p.m. Oct. 14 at the

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Watercraft decals go on sale online

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that with a click of a mouse, residents can help fight aquatic pests in the Great Lakes and other Michigan waters by purchasing the new Great Lakes Protection Fund Decal. The decal is now available for \$35 through the online Michigan Mall at www.michigan.gov/michiganmall.

This latest edition to the state's

e-store collection was introduced by the Legislature to support the Great Lakes Protection Fund. Proceeds from decal sales support research on aquatic nuisance species such as the zebra mussel, public education on the threat of those species, and efforts to eradicate them.

"By purchasing a decal, you join the effort to help protect our Great Lakes and other waters," said Land, whose department is responsible for administering the program. "I've talked to marina owners, boaters, fishermen and others who have experienced first hand the damage these pests can do. By working together, we can improve our water quality. Buying a decal can help us eliminate zebra mussels and their kind."

The 2005 design features a leaping fish, bright sun over blue waters and an outline of Michigan, all encircled by a blue ring declaring "Protect Michigan's Great Lakes."

The three-inch square decal is decorative only and does not replace any required watercraft registration or identification stickers.

The decal adheres best to flat, smooth surfaces and may be placed wherever desired, including cars, trucks, trailers, boats

and other vehicles.

To ensure the program is fiscally responsible, a minimum of 2,000 decals must be sold by September 30, 2005. At least 500 decals must be sold each year thereafter for the program to continue.

Land, who oversees a watercraft registration database that tops one million, understands the importance of the Great Lakes for boat owners and all others who enjoy the water.

"Michigan's waters are a priceless commercial, recreational and environmental resource that support a number of thriving industries," Land said. "We stand to lose a lot if we don't take steps to protect our waters."

According to the Aquatic Nuisance Species task force, Great Lakes water users spend tens of millions of dollars on zebra mussel control every year. Invasive species also threaten the \$4.5 billion sport and commercial-fishing industries whose game fish are harmed by invasions of the sea lamprey, ruffe and round goby.

Aquatic nuisance species also damage environments through predation, competition for resources, by introducing new pathogens and genetics, as well as by altering native habitats.

September 27, 2004

To the concerned Voters of Beaver Creek,

In November, you will again go to the polls to vote for those whom you wish to represent you in national, state and local government. Locally, you will have to cast your ballot for a township supervisor, either Lee Riley, the current Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, or a challenger who is currently a Beaver Creek Township Trustee.

Riley won the primary election by only one vote, and is now being challenged by the loser in a write-in or "sticker" campaign.

Although I don't know his opponent well, I do know Lee Riley. I have worked closely with him for the past eight years and, if I lived in Beaver Creek township, he would get my vote.

Lee Riley doesn't have to work for Beaver Creek to maintain a living. He does it because he enjoys it and he cares about the services that the township provides. He has worked very hard to bring you excellent fire service, a beautiful park, cemetery services, recycling, the new library, and more. He was the leader of their recent county-wide, free, tire disposal day which took in more than 6,000 tires, and he's already working on a similar program for next year. He's also currently working on a more efficient trash disposal program.

He's been heavily involved in the recent zoning updates, and now Beaver Creek residents can decide the zoning wishes of their own residents and not have to rely on county boards to make those decisions.

Maybe most important of all at the grassroots government level, Lee is accessible. I call him often because I know he's in his office every day. His advice and cooperation with the programs we've done in Grayling Township have been very valuable to me.

Before you vote, check out Lee's record, then sit down and talk to him about any concerns you may have. Through his humble, quiet demeanor, you'll see that he's a man of vision and ability who wants only the best for Beaver Creek.

Please vote for Lee Riley to continue the good work he's done as the Beaver Creek Township Supervisor.

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Ways to protect your home from hazardous waste

The Crawford County Environmental Department has been holding an annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day for several years. During that time, residents have brought in some pretty amazing things. Among these items have been: several pounds of elemental (pure) mercury; full bags of DDT and other banned pesticides; several gallons of acids (hydrochloric, sulfuric, etc.); and, Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The most frightening thing about some of these items is that residents have been storing them in and around their homes for several years. The pesticides alone have been banned for over 30 years. Any kind of spill would have been an immediate threat to the health of the household members and could have been an environmental problem for many years.

You can reduce the amount of potentially hazardous products in your home and what you throw away by following a few easy guidelines:

- Read labels and know what they mean.

- Be alert for the following on the labels, they let you know that special handling or disposal will be needed: CAUTION, CORROSIVE, DANGER, EXPLOSIVE, FLAMMABLE, POISON, TOXIC, VOLATILE, and WARNING.

- Select a product that is suitable for the job at hand.

- Buy only the amount you need to do the job. If any is left give it to a friend or neighbor to use.

- Follow all directions for use and disposal.

- Store properly and keep in original container with a readable label.

- Recycle/Dispose of left-over product and containers properly.

Some common household products are listed in the adjoining table, but there are so many different products in our homes that can be hazardous if not used and disposed of properly that it becomes extremely important to read the labels and follow directions.

Because people generally store hazardous materials for months and sometimes years, before they are finally used up or disposed of, it is best to heed guidelines for storage. Improper storage can be a safety hazard or turn usable products into waste.

- Follow all directions.
- Store all chemicals out of reach of children and pets.

- Keep products in original containers, with legible labels.

- Never mix different household chemicals.

- Never mix automotive fluids, this will make them non-recyclable.

- Store hazardous products away from heat, sparks and direct sunlight.

- Never smoke or eat while using hazardous products.

- Keep containers dry.

- Never store hazardous products in a food or beverage container.

- Prevent freezing of hazardous products.

- If a product container is leaking, place the entire container in a plastic bucket and surround it with a non-flammable absorbent such as kitty litter, vermiculite or floor dry to

Here are some recommendations for disposal of some common household wastes. "R" means to recycle; "T" means the item can be placed in the trash; and, "S" means the item should be saved for the Hazardous Waste collection.

ITEM	R	T	S
Antifreeze	X	X	X
Automobile/Marine Batteries	X	X	X
Brake Fluid	X	X	X
Degreaser	X	X	X
Flammables (gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, etc.) - in appropriate safety container	X	X	X
Fertilizer	X	X	X
Dry Fertilizer with weed killer	X	X	X
Motor oil (do NOT mix with anything else)	X	X	X
Pesticides	X	X	X
Rat/rodent poison	X	X	X
Transmission Fluid	X	X	X
Weed killer	X	X	X
Spackle, glaze	X	X	X
Adhesive and glue, water based	X	X	X
Adhesive and glue, solvent based (contain the words "Flammable," "combustible," or "petroleum distillate" on the label) MAY be placed in trash ONLY if hardened.	X	X	X
Syringes, Sharps (Store in rigid, puncture-resistant, leak-proof container; seal prior to disposal. Label)	X	X	X
Paint or primer, oil-based	X	X	X
Paint or primer, latex - without lead or mercury (allow to harden)	X	X	X
Paint or primer, latex - with lead or mercury	X	X	X
Paint thinner	X	X	X
Paint remover, stripper	X	X	X
Stain and varnish	X	X	X
Wood preservative	X	X	X
Putty, grout	X	X	X
Rust remover	X	X	X
Batteries	X	X	X
Swimming pool & hot tub chemicals (read labels - not all need to be saved)	X	X	X
Mercury items (pure, thermometers, etc.)	X	X	X
Household cleaners, wax stripper, oven cleaners (read labels - not all need to be saved)	X	X	X
Corrosive liquids, acids	X	X	X
Fluorescent tubes, bulbs & ballasts	X	X	X

absorb spills. Properly label the outside of the secondary container.

We can all do a little bit to help the environment by using and disposing of hazardous

materials properly. It saves you money, too.

The next scheduled Crawford County Household Hazardous Waste collection day is Saturday, June 18, 2005.

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State offers uninsured smokers free stop-smoking aids

by Amanda Wrenn
Capital News Service

Through its "I Can Quit" campaign, the state Department of Community Health is offering uninsured Michigan smokers a free, two-month supply of nicotine reduction products and telephone help.

The goal is to reduce tobacco-related illnesses.

"Every effort the state can make to help citizens quit smoking is a step in the right direction," department Director Janet Olszewski said. "Given the limited amount of state resources we had available to begin this endeavor, we decided to target the program specifically toward those citizens that need help paying for patches or gum."

Michigan spends \$881 million annually through Medicaid to treat tobacco-related illnesses. Each year 15,000 state residents die from tobacco-related causes. Tobacco use is also the leading cause of preventable death in the country.

The program is necessary because nearly 25 percent of residents of Berrien County and the rest of Michigan smoke, said Michelle Warren, smoking prevention specialist for the Berrien County Health Department.

"People who are trying to quit sometimes need that extra oomph," she said. "This program is a great way to get people started."

The \$1.5 million campaign is a legislative mandate in the new law that increased the tobacco tax, said tobacco section manager Mikelle Robinson. The state also received a federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help cover the cost of the

nicotine-replacement therapy.

About one million Michigan residents lack health insurance according to Community Health.

For every dollar the state spends on smoking cessation, it saves at least \$3 on health costs, Robinson said. The savings increase to \$6 when an expectant mother quits smoking.

An eight-week supply of smoking cessation aids typically costs about \$200. Because most smokers buy individual packs of cigarettes for less than \$5 each, \$200 is a large sum for patches or gum that they can't pay upfront, Robinson said. But "if they can afford to buy a carton, they can probably afford nicotine replacement."

The average \$4.50 cost of cigarettes may hurt some smokers, but others in areas like Southwest Michigan simply cross the Indiana border for cheaper cigarettes, Warren said. A pack of cigarettes in Indiana costs about \$2.75.

Anita Gaillard, director of Community Programs for Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, said the state government there does not cover nicotine-replacement therapy. Many county coalitions use extra money from tobacco industry lawsuit settlements to buy nicotine replacements to complement other smoking-cessation programs, she said.

To receive free nicotine patches or gum, uninsured residents can call the state help line at 1-800-480-QUIT and enroll in the "I Can Quit" coaching program.

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Wheeler, Dickie wed



Elizabeth Wheeler and Allen Dickie were married on September 25, 2004 at the Bear Lake Christian Church. The bride is the daughter of Greg Wheeler and Teresa Eilers. Parents of the groom are Irene and Chuck Dickie. The couple will be residing in Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 53 complaints the week of October 4 - October 10: Six traffic accidents, three accidents-non traffic, one traffic safety-public appearance, three motor vehicle in school bus, two traffic violations-civil infractions, one inspection, one civil matter/family dispute, three suspicious situations, one lost and found property, two missing persons, seven general non-crim-

inal, one delinquent minors, two false alarms, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one kidnapping/abduction violation, three burglary/home invasion, five larcenies, three public peace/disorderly, two health and safety, one invasion of privacy-wiretap, one miscellaneous criminal offense, three driving violations/DWLS (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Kirtland Youth Theatre receives Arts Fund grant

Kirtland Youth Theatre announced that it was among a select group of Midwest presenters chosen to receive a Heartland Arts Fund grant. This award will support the October 29, 2004 performances of Lewis and Clark by GMT Productions at the Performing Arts Center on Kirtland Community College's campus. Residency workshops will be conducted in area schools prior to the performances.

This presentation is supported in part by the Heartland Arts Fund, a program of Arts Midwest funded by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional contributions from General Mills Foundation, Land O'Lakes Foundation, Sprint Corporation, and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The Heartland Arts Fund enables individuals and families throughout America's heartland to share in and to enjoy the arts and culture of our region and the world.

David J. Fraher, Heartland Arts Fund Chairman said, "Kirtland Youth Theatre is to be commended for their commitment to serving their community with this distinctive event. Audiences in northern lower Michigan will have the oppor-

tunity to see the exciting work of GMT Productions' Lewis and Clark, many for the first time, and the Heartland Arts Fund is proud to help support this work and the Kirtland Youth Theatre.

Kirtland Youth Theatre and GMT Productions, Inc. bring this musical celebrating the bicentennial of Lewis & Clark's expedition to KCC Performing Arts Center on October 29, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Lewis had the vision! Clark had the heart! Jefferson had the power to make the dream happen! Explore a continent never seen before with exceptional Americans: Sacagawea, the Indian woman who won all hearts; York, the slave; Cruzat, the fiddle-playing guide; and a corps of young Americans determined to be the first to claim a new land for their country! Trace the journey from January 1803 when President Thomas Jefferson asks Congress for funding through Lewis & Clark's journey across America and their triumphant return to St. Louis, Missouri in September 1806, nearly 2 1/2 years after their journey began.

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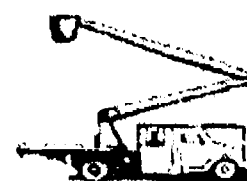
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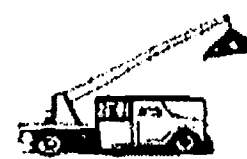
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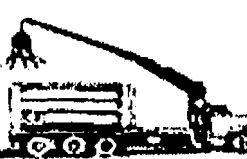
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Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice Volunteer Training scheduled

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice will be holding Hospice Volunteer Trainings October 27 - 28 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Amicare office at 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A (behind Huntington Bank, off I-75 Business Loop), Grayling.

Mercy Amicare Hospice provides in-home care for individuals with life threatening illnesses. Mercy Amicare Hospice is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other insurances. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon, and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual

care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within 30 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite errands, light housekeeping or companionship. Volunteers can also be involved in clerical work, fund raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service. Volunteers are especially needed for office support, computer support and respite care for families.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice. Patrick Hanafin, a volunteer for eight years says, "I get much more from the clients than I give. They all have a story to tell, adventures to share and my job is to be there, listen and help where I can."

It takes a special person to be a Hospice volunteer. If you would like to register for training or for more information, please contact Sherry at 989-348-0039 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non-business hours.

Jim's Canoe is October's Spotlight a Member

October 1st was the day the Chamber Ambassadors chose to kick off a new program by choosing a member at random and surprising them with a Spotlight A Member award. The first recipient was Jim's Canoe, Cabin Rental and Guide Service. Dave Wyss, owner, was surprised to find Tim Zigala, Grayling Chamber Director, and the Ambassadors show up early October 1, with a dozen doughnuts contributed by Goodale's Bakery and the Spotlight A Member award certificate ready for framing, rather than a tourist looking to rent a boat!

Wyss of Jim's Canoe, Cabin Rental and Guide Service, has been a Chamber member for 26 years. His business was started in 1956 by Jim's uncle

and aunt, Jim and Jeanne Wakeley, and then in 1978 Wyss took over. It is a seasonal business that is open from the 1st of May through October 31st. They offer fly-fishing guide service on the mainstem and South Branch of the AuSable River, the rental of two streamside cabins and the rental of canoes and kayaks on the mainstem of the AuSable River. It is located at 1706 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd., Grayling. Contact Dave Wyss at 989-348-3203 or by email at HYPERLINKmailto:guilttrip25@hotmail.com. You can view their websites at either guilttrip.com or jimscanoe.com.

The Ambassadors will choose a different recipient at random for November.

Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center prepares for winter season

The Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center had a very successful Summer Lunch Program that ran for ten weeks. This year they offered gallons of 2% milk to every family in addition to the balanced bags of food.

The next important event will be "The Christmas Project" running December 13 through 17. Beginning November 1 the HELP center will take sign-ups for Christmas. The only requirement is that the signee resides in Crawford County. Once again the center will be offering

"Adopt-A-Family."

Other programs that the center will be sponsoring this year are: "Toys For Tots," with Marianne Gosnell as the Crawford County Chairperson; "Coats for Kids," which we are currently collecting coats and jackets that are clean, washable and in good repair; and the Food Drive, in which the center is looking for interested workers, church groups and organizations to organize a food drive.

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On The Ballot: November 2 General Election – South Branch Township

On the November 2 general election ballot, the races for South Branch Township trustee (two seats), clerk, and treasurer will all feature contested races, although one of the two treasurer candidates has withdrawn from the race.

In the race for two trustee seats, there are four candidates: Michael J. Janisse (Republican), Bernice McGillis (Democrat, incumbent), Paul Musselman (Republican, incumbent), and Joseph Myers (Independent).

The township's clerk race features Republican Arlene Miller vs. Democrat Laura Smith (incumbent).

For treasurer, incumbent Suzanne E. Luck (Republican) faces Roxanne James, an Independent. James has withdrawn from the race, but her name will still appear on the November 2 ballot.

Tom Kozlowski, a Democrat, is running unopposed for the township's supervisor position. Maurice L. Michael is running unopposed for the constable position.

The Crawford County Avalanche mailed questionnaires to each candidate in a contested race and their responses were the basis for the following brief profiles:

Arlene Miller

Republican

Running For: Clerk

Arlene Miller has worked as administrative support at Roscommon County Family Independence Agency for the State of Michigan for 29 years.

"After working in the same capacity for almost 30 years, I feel the township clerk position would be a challenging and exciting experience. I'm not ready to completely retire, so this will be a good opportunity to keep my mind fresh and alert, meet new people, and get a better understanding of the township and how it functions," Miller said. "I'm very familiar with the 'red tape' of bureaucracy and am well-equipped to understand frustration and anger and will always attempt to be patient, compassionate, and empathetic towards township residents regarding their situations and/or problems."

"I will make an effort to work at the township hall in a friendly and efficient manner while becoming acquainted with the residents of the township and attaining a good working relationship with the supervisor and his staff. Communication is 'key' to any working relationship. Residents need to feel comfortable in voicing their opinions and knowing that action will be taken when appropriate and that the township has an interest in their wants and needs in order to maintain a more cost-effective township," she said.

"South Branch Township needs improvements to some of the roads with minimal cost to the residents of the township. The road commission does an excellent job, but without appropriate funding, just so much can be done for road improvement. I look forward to communicating with the township residents and getting their feedback on any problems facing the township," Miller said.

Miller, widow of Robert C. Miller, has three children, three step-children, and 12 grandchildren.

She enjoys travelling, camping, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Laura Smith

Democrat (Incumbent)

Running For: Clerk

Laura Smith – No response.

Roxanne James

Independent

Running For: Treasurer

Roxanne James has withdrawn from the race but her name will still be on the November 2 ballot.

"I have withdrawn from running for South Branch Township treasurer," she said.

Suzanne E. Luck

Republican (Incumbent)

Running For: Treasurer

Suzanne E. Luck is the current South Branch Township treasurer. "I have worked at South Branch Township's office since

1997. I have worked for each department head and have the knowledge to answer most questions taxpayers have," Luck said. "I have the experience and knowledge necessary to carry out the duties of treasurer. I enjoy working for the taxpayers of South Branch Township. I think it is important that the taxpayers have someone in the treasurer's office who knows the job and is available to attend to their needs."

"I believe that our community can do great things. Creating our township's master plan and zoning ordinance is going to be a group effort. It will take the citizens and the township board working together to create a plan for the future and I want to be a part of this process," she said.

Michael J. Janisse

Republican

Running For: Trustee

Michael J. Janisse is a forest fire officer for the Department of Natural Resources, a paramedic (North Flight Air Division), and lieutenant and EMT-P with the South Branch Township Fire and EMS. He has been a member of South Branch Township Fire and EMS for over 18 years, including eight years as Fire Chief.

"(Holding township office) seemed to be the next logical step for me to remain involved in the community I have lived in all my life," Janisse said. "I would like to be involved in developing/updating the township's master plan. I would like to work directly with the board on ordinances that are in place but not currently enforced. The blight ordinance is an example of this. I would like to work closely with the fire department to continue to improve the quality of service provided."

The main problems facing Crawford County right now are "lack of revenue, road conditions, and night patrol of police," he said.

In South Branch Township, "We are being forced into having our own building and zoning department, which will take a lot of effort and dollars. I believe the blight ordinance is not being enforced. Residents are paying taxes on their homes but seeing the value decrease because other residents around them do not maintain the appearance of their property. Another problem is the township's lack of an updated master plan. This plan is a guide for the township's future. I believe this may be limiting our grant opportunities," Janisse said.

Janisse and his wife Amanda have two sons: Greg, a junior at Gerrish Higgins High School, and Michael, a 6th grader at Gerrish Higgins Middle School.

In his spare time, Janisse enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, skiing, snowmobiling, and watching his sons play school sports.

Bernice McGillis

Democrat (Incumbent)

Running For: Trustee

Bernice McGillis – No response.

Paul Musselman

Republican (Incumbent)

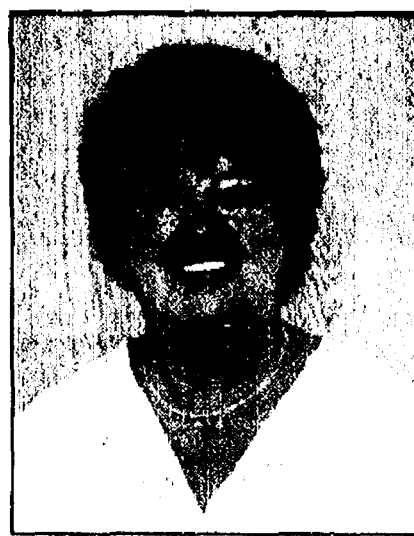
Running For: Trustee

Paul Musselman, a retired builder, has 32 years of experience as South Branch Township trustee.

"I believe I can continue to be a positive influence in keeping our township a great and safe place to



Michael J. Janisse



Arlene Miller



Paul Musselman



Suzanne E. Luck

live, work, and play. It is a privilege and opportunity to serve the people of South Branch Township," Musselman said.

"We have just been forced to create a township planning and zoning ordinance due to Crawford County cuts. I would like to see this set in place and up and running as soon as possible. (I would) also use my past experience to keep South Branch Township the great place that it is," he said.

Musselman has been married for 48 years and has five children, 13 grandchildren, and one great grandson.

His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and enjoying Michigan's outdoors.

Joseph Myers

Independent

Running For: Trustee

Joseph Myers (no photo provided), a retired rural carrier, has been the South Branch Township supervisor for more than six years.

"My past experience as super-

visor will help the township board in making budgets and to keep the township in stable and improvement conditions," Myers said.

If elected, Myers said he hopes to "give the best service possible to the township residents" and "to keep the township with improvements as the budget allows."

The main issues facing Crawford County right now are "budget problems, and not looking at running the county five to 10 years into the future. The county needs a separate planning and zoning department along with the building department on their own budgets," Myers said.

South Branch Township has "budget problems" and "needs a way to collect more money for roads. Our last (several) millages were defeated," he said.

"The townships and county need more volunteers to serve on boards and committees," he added.

Myers and his wife Joan have four children.

He enjoys flying, hunting, fishing, trapping, and reading.

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Sixth win clinches second straight play-off berth

Grayling moves to 6-1 with 21-0 victory at Boyne City

■ Vikings to wrap up regular season with home game next Friday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity football team clinched a play-off berth for the second consecutive year with a 21-0 victory at Boyne City last Friday.

Last year, Grayling posted a 7-2 regular season record and secured the school's first play-off appearance since 1993. The Vikings also won a play-off game for the first time in school history with a 15-14 victory at Central Montcalm last October.

This year, the Vikings are 6-1 with two games to play in the 2004 regular season: a road game at Charlevoix this week and a home game vs. East Jordan next Friday.

Grayling posted its sixth win of the season last Friday with a 21-0 victory at Boyne City.

The first series of the game ended with a blocked punt by Boyne City. The Ramblers started their first drive inside Grayling territory but Grayling's defense held and forced a Boyne City punt. The defensive series for GHS included a quarterback sack by Matt Larson.

After a fair catch on the punt, Grayling started at its own 17-yard line. Runs by Joey Bancroft and Kevin LaTreille



Photo by Caleb Casey

Quarterback Bobby Starks throws a pass at Boyne City on Friday night. The Vikings defeated the Ramblers 21-0.

picked up a first down. A chop block penalty moved Grayling back. On 3rd and 24, quarterback Bobby Starks connected with Gibson Tobin on a deep pass for a gain of 34 yards. A run by Bancroft and a pass from

Starks to Zach Dean secured another first down. Runs by Bancroft and LaTreille moved the chains again. Three more runs by Bancroft brought up 1st and 10 at Boyne City's 15-yard line. On first down, the

Ramblers intercepted a Grayling pass in the corner of the end zone to end the series.

Boyne City took over at its own 20. On the third play of the possession, the Ramblers fumbled and Andrew Woolsey

recovered the ball for Grayling.

On the third play of the resulting Grayling series, the Vikings scored on a 17-yard pass play from Starks to Tobin. Tobin caught the pass from Starks in the back of the end

zone while falling down to convert for the touchdown. James Haven kicked the extra point for Grayling. The Vikings led 7-0.

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Golf team wins conference, regional titles

■ Vikings qualify for state finals with third regional win in four years

The Grayling High School boys golf team qualified for the state golf finals with a first place finish at last Thursday's regional tournament at Red Hawk Golf Course in Tawas.

As a team, the Vikings finished 24 strokes better than second place Tawas in the 15-team regional tourney. Grayling posted a team score of 304, Tawas finished at 328, and third place Manistee had a 346.

Individually, the four Vikings whose scores counted towards the team score posted the four best finishes of all golfers at the tournament. Derek Johnston placed first overall with a 72, Josh Hinkle and Ron Johnston tied for second at 77, and Ryan Davis scored a 78 to place fourth. James Walker shot an 89, 21st overall out of 72 golfers.

"What an amazing performance by our Vikings," Coach Herb Olson said. "Our third regional championship in four years, but certainly our most impressive. Individually, our

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Photo courtesy of Herb Olson

GHS golf team members, with their regional championship trophy: (left to right) Assistant Coach Ken Smith, James Walker, Ryan Davis, Ron Johnston, Derek Johnston, Josh Hinkle, Coach Herb Olson.

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JV football team loses for first time this year

■ Vikings fall to 5-1-1 with 22-14 loss to Boyne City on Thursday

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity football team lost for the first time this year last week in a game the visiting Boyne City Ramblers won by a final score of 22-14. With the loss, Grayling's 2004 season record now stands at 5-1-1.

On Thursday night, Boyne City drove 70 yards on 11 plays to score a touchdown on the game's opening possession. The Ramblers finished the series with a 7-yard touchdown run on 2nd and goal and scored the two-point conversion on a rushing play to lead 8-0.

Grayling answered with a 66-yard touchdown drive and two-point conversion to tie the game at 8-8. Ryan Cooper had two 27-yard runs and one 16-yard run during the series, helping to set up a 6-yard touchdown plunge by Tim VanNuck on 1st and goal. Cooper ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion.

Boyne City drove from its own 36 deep into Grayling territory. On 4th and goal from the 4-yard line — the 12th play of the series — the Vikings stopped Boyne City's pass attempt to take over on downs. Dustin Abbott knocked the pass down for GHS on the play.

Grayling picked up two first downs on its next possession but the drive stalled and GHS had to punt. On the return, Boyne City tried a reverse and broke free for a big gain.

The Ramblers started at Grayling's 28-yard line. One running play and two incomplete passes brought up 4th and 5. On fourth down, the Ramblers fumbled and Tim Hatley recovered the ball for the Vikings.

On the third play of Grayling's resulting possession, the Vikings fumbled. Boyne City picked up the ball and returned it about 20 yards to Grayling's 5-yard line.

After two running plays, Boyne City scored a touchdown on 3rd and goal inside the 1-yard



Photos by Caleb Casey

Matt Letts kicks off for Grayling vs. Boyne City on Thursday night.

line. With the two-point conversion, the Ramblers led 16-8.

A good return by Abbott on the kick-off was negated by a holding penalty. On the second play of the series, Boyne City intercepted a Grayling pass to end the drive.

A penalty on Boyne City moved the Ramblers back, but they converted 3rd and 17 on a pass play. On 2nd and 9, the Ramblers fumbled and VanNuck covered the ball for GHS.

Grayling started at the 50-yard line after the fumble recovery. Cooper ran for nine yards on first down. On 2nd and 1, quarterback Adam Gabriel connected with wide receiver Derek Etzler on a deep pass for a touchdown. The pass attempt on the two-point conversion attempt fell incomplete. Boyne City led 16-14 with 3:14 left in the first half.

The Ramblers started at their own 45-yard line after the kick-off. A pass completion on first down moved Boyne City across midfield. Another pass play gained 26 yards, bringing up 1st and goal at the 9-yard line. On 3rd and goal from the 1-yard line, Boyne City fumbled and Troy Wilson recovered the ball in the end zone for Grayling, resulting in a touchback.

The Vikings ran three plays and punted. Boyne City ran two plays before the end of the half. At halftime, the Ramblers still led by two, 16-14.

Grayling moved from its 33-yard line to Boyne City's 20 with a series of 15 plays, including a 3rd and 7 conversion on a pass from Gabriel to Nick Parkinson and two 4th and 1 conversions (on runs by Gabriel and Cooper). On 3rd and 8 from Boyne City's 18 — the 17th play of the series — the Ramblers picked off a Grayling pass to end the possession.

Boyne City drove from its 19 to Grayling's 45 on a series of eight plays. Two false start penalties and a stopped running play — Parkinson tackled the Boyne City runner for a loss of eight yards on 3rd and 7 — brought up a punting situation.

The punt put the Vikings on



Quarterback Adam Gabriel looks for an open receiver in last Thursday's game at GHS.

their own 16-yard line. Two runs by Cooper and one by Gabriel brought up 4th and 1. Grayling converted on a QB sneak by Gabriel. Cooper broke free for a 23-yard gain on the next play to bring up 1st and 10 at the 50. A penalty and a fumble set the drive back. On 4th and 14, the Vikings tried a fake punt. Etzler, the punter, threw a deep pass but the receiver dropped the ball. Boyne City took over on downs.

Grayling's defense held and Boyne City punted after three plays.

Grayling started at its own 31. Two runs by Cooper picked up a first down. From there the drive went backwards due to two penalties (holding and delay of game) and a quarterback sack. On 4th and 23, the Vikings tried their fake punt play again. Etzler's deep pass landed in his receiver's hands but a hit by Boyne City knocked the ball loose and the Ramblers took over on downs at Grayling's 30 with 3:20 left in regulation.

The Ramblers scored a touchdown with a five-play drive capped by a 2-yard TD run on 1st and goal. Boyne City went for two on the conversion try. Cooper tackled the ball carrier short of the goal line, leaving Boyne City's lead at eight, 22-

14, with 1:27 left in the game. After the kick-off Grayling started with decent field position at its own 44. After two incomplete passes, Grayling gained 15 yards on a pass from Gabriel to Parkinson. On the next play, Boyne City intercepted a Grayling pass to end the drive.

The Ramblers killed the final minute of clock time and won by eight, 22-14.

Cooper finished with 138 rushing yards on 30 carries. VanNuck had 15 yards on five carries with one touchdown. At QB, Gabriel was 3 for 12 for 72 yards with one TD and two interceptions.

"Adam Gabriel had a good game. It was his first start at QB. He looked like he had started there all year," Coach Ron Wyman said. "We expect big things out of Gab."

Defensive leaders for Grayling were: Parkinson, 12 tackles; Jake Reynolds, 13 tackles; Patrick Belcher, 11 tackles.

"Our defensive line played a great game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We forced three fumbles at key times during the game. Derek Etzler, Tim VanNuck, and Jake Reynolds had huge games on defense."

The Vikings will host Charlevoix on Thursday, October 14, at 6 p.m.



Ryan Cooper runs the ball for Grayling.



Derek Etzler punts for the Vikings.

Sixth win clinches second straight play-off berth

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The Vikings tried an on-side kick but Boyne City recovered and started at the 50. The Ramblers moved 15 yards on a pass interference penalty on Grayling. On 2nd and 8, Boyne City completed a pass for a gain of 16 yards. On 1st and 10, Larson posted his second sack of the game to bring up 2nd and 18. A penalty moved Boyne City back five more yards. On 4th and 17, the Ramblers tried for a pass into the end zone but the ball fell incomplete. Grayling took over on downs at its own 24.

Grayling ran three plays and punted. Tobin's punt rolled all the way to Boyne City's 16 yard line, pinning the Ramblers deep in their own end of the field. After six plays, Boyne City punted.

Grayling started at its 48-yard line with about 4:30 left in the first half. On the third play of the series, Boyne City intercepted a Grayling pass to end the drive.

The Ramblers moved from their own 20 to Grayling's 32 with three runs, two pass completions, and a 15-yard personal foul penalty on GHS. Three incomplete passes later, on 4th and 10, Grayling pressured the Boyne City quarterback and forced an incompletion to end the series.

Starks completed a pass to Tobin for a gain of 13 yards. Two plays later, Grayling tried a half-back pass, but the ball was intercepted by Boyne City. The Ramblers ran one play and the first half ended with Grayling leading 7-0.

On the second half kick-off, GHS tried an on-side kick. Boyne City recovered and started at its own 47. On the second play of the possession, Zac Baker intercepted a Rambler pass to end the drive.

Grayling started at Boyne City's 35-yard line. Two runs by Bancroft picked up a first down. Two more runs brought up 3rd and 1. Two quarterback sneaks by Starks gained enough for another first down. On the next



Photos by Caleb Casey

The Vikings celebrate their sixth win of the year at Boyne City on Friday.

play, Bancroft broke free for a 14-yard touchdown run. With the extra point kick by Haven, GHS led 14-0.

The Vikings tried another on-side kick, but Boyne City recovered. The Ramblers started at the 50. On 3rd and 11, Matt Swope knocked down a Boyne City pass to bring up 4th and 11. The Ramblers punted.

After the kick, Grayling started at Boyne City's 38. The Ramblers' defense held, bringing up 4th and 12. The Vikings went for it, throwing for the end zone, and a pass interference penalty on BC extended the drive. Two plays later, Boyne City intercepted a Grayling pass to end the series.

Boyne City ran three plays and punted from its 16-yard line.

GHS started at its 49-yard line. Runs by Bancroft and LaTreille secured a first down. LaTreille ran for 12 yards on 1st and 10. Two runs by Bancroft and a pass from Starks to Dean gained 10 more yards and a first down. Three plays later, on 4th and 1, Bancroft ran four yards for a touchdown. With the extra point



Gibson Tobin catches a TD pass vs. Boyne City.

kick by Haven, the Vikings led 21-0.

The next two drives both ended in punts after three plays. Boyne City ran five rushing plays to kill the last 2:30 of the game.

Grayling won 21-0.

The Vikings play at Charlevoix on Friday, October 15, at 7 p.m. Next Friday, Grayling ends its 2004 regular season with a home game vs. East Jordan at 7 p.m.

Vikings lose two close games on the road

■ Grayling falls to 5-7 with losses at Harbor Springs and Harrison

The GHS varsity girls basketball team ended a three-game winning streak with two losses on the road last week.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost at Harbor Springs by a final score of 57-52.

"This was a disappointing loss for us," Coach L.J. Mead said. "We had a lot of great looks at the basket but our shots didn't fall. Mandy Czapek put forth a dominating effort with her first triple-double of the season."

Czapek finished with 21 points, 21 rebounds, and 12 blocks; Michelle McGuire had 15 points and 4 rebounds; Katie Baynham had 9 points and 4

rebounds; and Kelly Dunckley had 7 points and 7 rebounds for Grayling.

On Thursday, Grayling lost by five, 39-34, at Harrison.

"Poor free throw shooting (8 for 22) and a lack of energy plagued our team. Harrison packed a tight zone around Mandy Czapek, forcing us to shoot outside. We ran our set plays and got the shots we wanted, but we forgot to crash the glass," Coach Mead said.

McGuire had 14 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals; Czapek had 7 points, 14 rebounds, and 2 blocks; Baynham had 6 points and 4 rebounds; and Trisha Petersen had 5 points, 2 assists, and 3 steals.

Grayling's season record is now 5-7.

The Vikings play at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, October 14.

GMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

7th grade team

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team lost to Elk Rapids 32-16 last week.

Nicole Bobenmoyer, Grace Calkins, Danielle Harwood, and Ashley Feldhauser each scored four points for the Vikings.

"The team definitely played its best game of the year against a very good Elk Rapids team. Everyone stepped up their game and this was a total team effort. Grace Calkins had her best

game of the year on both ends of the court. Nicole Bobenmoyer and Danielle Harwood had very strong performances. Ashley Feldhauser came on strong again and leads the team in points for the season. Schanna McGinnis played her best game of the season also. The girls are improving with every game," Coach Bruce McGuire said.

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GRAYLING RUNNING CLUB

With the motto "You have to start somewhere!" the Grayling Running Club (GRC) did just that, making its first appearance at last weekend's Kiwanis Hartwick Pines Challenge. The GRC, which is comprised of 15 members, had nine athletes compete in the 7.2 and 3.2 mile races held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday.

The GRC is designed to pro-

vide education through coaching, training and information sharing, along with providing safe supportive environments, organizing and sponsoring competitive, non-competitive, and social events, according to Grayling Recreation Authority. The GRC

is a new addition Grayling Recreation Authority hopes will bring together the running community of Grayling.

Runners of all ages are encouraged to join the GRC. Included with memberships are GRC T-shirts and personalized coaching

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GRC members, at the Hartwick Pines Challenge: (left to right) Jason Drudge, William Coe, Nathan Peters, Spencer Derenzy, T.J. Nickerson, Craig Jacobs, Jason Thayer, Sherrie Sharp, and Leigh McDougall.



In their first running race ever, GRC members Leigh McDougall and Sherrie Sharp both took 3rd in their respective age groups for the 3.2 mile race.



Nathan Peters leads his age group in the 7.2 mile race on Saturday.

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Golf team wins conference, regional titles

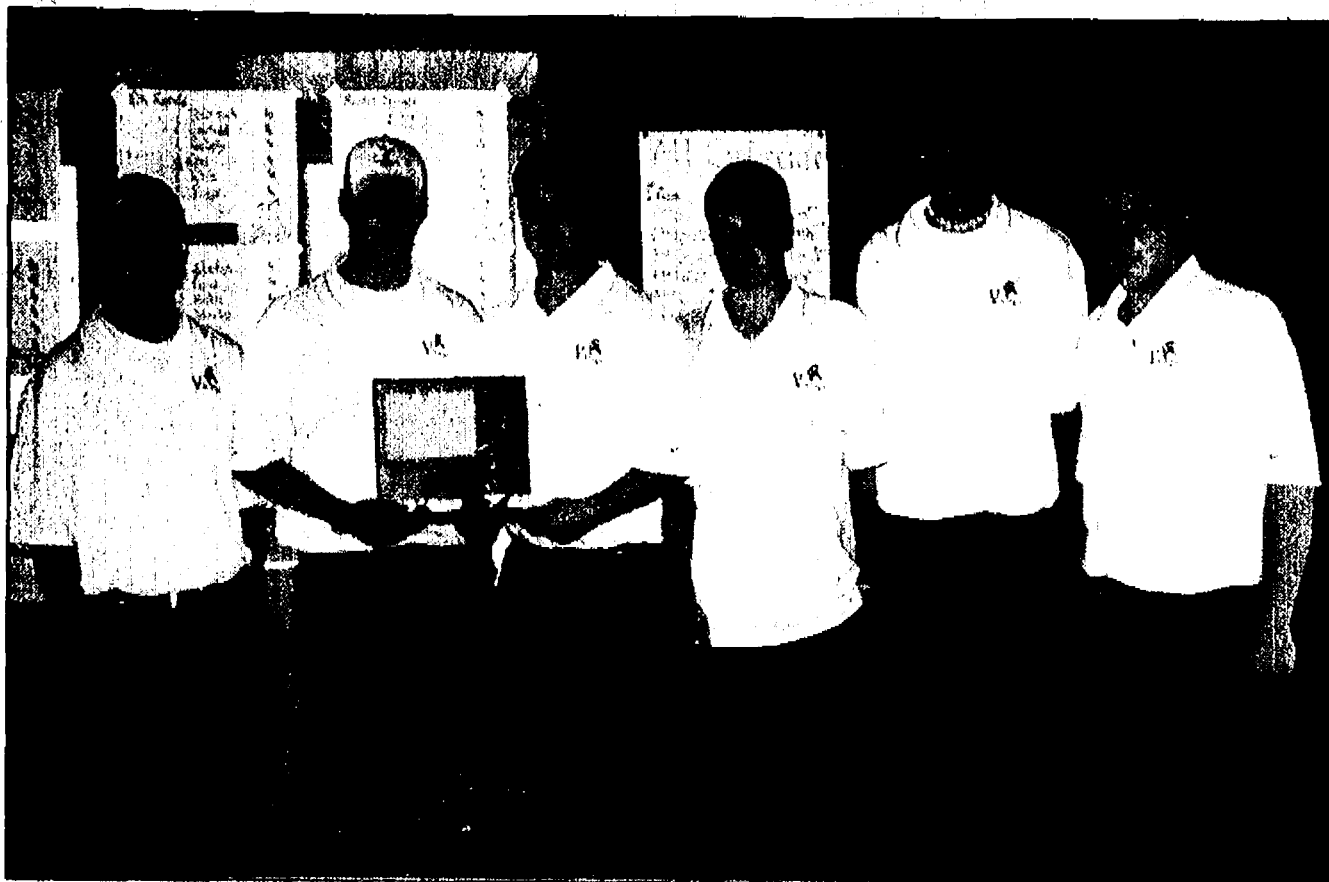


Photo courtesy of Herb Olson

GHS golf team members Brady Ward, Ryan Davis, Derek Johnston, Ron Johnston, Josh Hinkle, and James Walker display their league championship trophy.

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boys involved in the team score placed first, second, second, and fourth. A clean sweep of the top four spots. (The team) finished 24 strokes ahead of second place Tawas and 42 strokes ahead of third place Manistee, both of which qualified for the state finals."

"In the field of 72 players, senior Derek Johnston defended his 2003 regional championship, winning the tournament by five strokes with his one over par 72. Senior Josh Hinkle and junior Ron Johnston tied for the second spot with their six over 77s. And senior Ryan Davis took fourth place with his seven over 78. Junior James Walker finished in 21st place, shooting 89," Coach Olson said.

Including regionals, Grayling finished its 2004 regular season with an overall win/loss record

of 154-7.

The Vikings also recently clinched a Lake Michigan Conference title by winning the conference championship meet at Antrim Dells on September 29.

Team scores at the final league meet included: 1) Grayling 313; 2) Traverse City St. Francis 318; 3) Charlevoix 344; 4) Elk Rapids 352; 5) Kalkaska 353; 6) Harbor Springs 355; 7) Boyne City 362; 8) East Jordan 425.

Individual scores for GHS included: D. Johnston, 75; Davis, 75; Hinkle, 80; R. Johnston, 85; Walker, 83; Brady Ward, 87.

"Great finish to the season winning our second league championship in a row. With total strokes for the entire season determining individual all-conference honors, our top five boys all earned honors. Derek, Ryan, and Josh received first team all-conference and Ron and James made the all-conference second team. Derek was the league's MVP for the second year in a row," Coach Olson said.

The Vikings will head to the state finals on Thursday, October 14. The two-day tournament, which will be played at Eastern Michigan's Eagle Crest Golf Club, will end on Saturday.



Josh Hinkle (top left), Derek Johnston (top right), Ryan Davis (bottom left), and Ron Johnston (bottom right) golf at regionals last week.



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Paul Olson
Municipal Underwriters of Michigan

Viking of the Week

Boys Golf
Coach: Herb Olson
RYAN DAVIS, RON JOHNSTON, JOSH HINKLE, & DEREK JOHNSTON

Derek, Josh, Ron, and Ryan posted the four best overall scores at last week's regional golf event, leading Grayling to the state finals.

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Vikings of the Week

Boys Golf
Coach: Herb Olson
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Grayling Eagles 24 - 11
GADCO 21 - 14
Gray-Rock Cafe 19 - 16
Moore's Automotive 16 - 19
McLeans ACE 16 - 19
Fenton's Auto 15 - 20
A.E.I. 12 - 9
Scheer Motors 10 - 25
High Series: M. Smith, 577; L. Davis, 572; D. Canfield, 557.
High Game: S. Peterson, 216; M. Smith, 214; L. Davis & T. Devins, 208.

Senior Bowling
Flowers By Josie 15 - 5
Sylvesters Sports 13 - 7
Stitches By Sue 11 - 9
Spike's Keg O' Nails 10 - 10
Grayling Pharmacy 10 - 10
Bear's Den Pizza 9 - 11
Kicking Grass 8 - 12
Lone Pine Restaurant 4 - 16
High Series Men: L. Essiambre,

525; K. Harris, 520; O. Brantly, 516.
High Game Men: K. Harris, 202; L. Essiambre, 195; O. Brantly, 194.
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 477; D. Hall, 465; H. Stairs, 444.
High Game Women: H. Stairs, 169; P. Harris, 168; N. Glasslee, 167.

Friday Mixed Doubles
American Legion 16 - 4
Double Trouble 15 - 5
IMM. 13 - 7
Moshier Auto Repair 11 - 9
4.E.I. 10 - 10
Strike "Four"ce" 8 - 12
New Guys and Gals 0 - 20
Bye 0 - 0
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 564; C. Hanson, 560; P. Bernardo, 542.
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 226; C. Hanson, 204 R. Trudeau,

202.
High Series Women: S. France, 479; P. Bernardo, 473; S. Johnson, 466.
High Game Women: P. Bernardo, 197; L. Hanson, 194; B. Nielson, 166.

Pioneer League
South Side River Rats 13 - 3
Grayling Chiro.Clinic 11 - 5
Grayling Restaurant 9 - 7
Custom Interior 7 - 9
Rochette's 7 - 9
AJD Forest Product 6 - 10
McDonald's 6 - 10
Chemical Bank 5 - 11
High Series: T. Parker, 543; H. Stairs, 539; B. LaMotte, 506.
High Game: B. LaMotte, 209; T. Parker, 203; C. Jones, 201.

Northwood League
Carey & Jaskowski 12 - 8
Choppers Spares 12 - 8
Great Lk Mortgage 12 - 8

Hals Masonry 11 - 9
Warbler Chicks 11 - 9
USA Trailer 10 - 10
Bud Lite Babes 9 - 11
Chaos 1 - 19
High Series: D. Argue, 465; T. Hellebuyck, 457; J. Harris, 453.
High Game: T. Hellebuyck, 178; L. Kalzmark, 176; A. Gugin, 176.

Recreation League
Grayling Nursing Center 14 - 6
Glen's Market 12 - 8
Hawk Ridge Golf 11 - 9
Mickey Perez CPA 10 - 10
Coldwell Banker 10 - 10
American Legion 9 - 11
Peterson Saw Service 8 - 12
Woody Girls 6 - 14
High Series: P. D'Amour, 518; S. France, 509; M. Starks, 502.
High Game: P. D'Amour, 225; H. Larun, 217; S. France, 208.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings
Frederic Inn 32
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Holiday Inn 24
Sawmill III 23
Sawmill I 21

Legion 19
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Pub). 7 Ball run, Cindy (Holiday Inn).

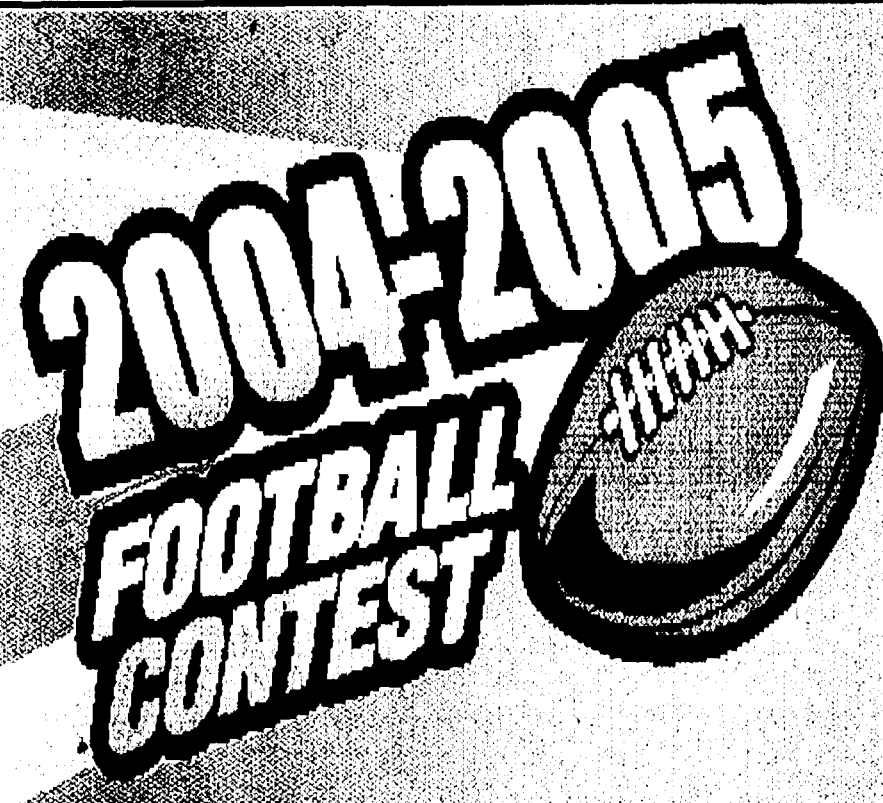
Week #5 Winning Games

1. Detroit (27)
2. New England
3. Pittsburgh
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9. San Diego (55)
10. Denver

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REDSKINS FOOTBALL

Freshman II

The Grayling Redskins freshman 2 team recently finished its 2004 season with a 31-6 victory over the Gladwin Giants at Gladwin to cap an undefeated season (7-0).

At Gladwin, Jake Helsel finished with 78 yards rushing on 10 carries with one touchdown; Trevor Dewitt ran for 70 yards on five carries with one touchdown and had a 43-yard kick return; and Zach Wolcott ran for 24 yards on three carries with one TD.

On defense, Ryan Teeple had 11 tackles;

Wolcott had 9 tackles and 1 interception; Kyle Carter had 4 tackles, 1 interception for a touchdown and 1 fumble recovery for a touchdown; Dewitt had 5 tackles and a forced fumble; Daniel Duvall had 3 tackles; and Dan Doughty and Austin Harris each had 2 tackles.

"Our defense was again a big factor in our win as it has been all season. We played hard for four quarters. Our execution on offense was very good and our defense was very stingy. On defense we only allowed one com-

pletion out of 10 attempts. Through the season we outscored our opponents 152-42. This is all due to our offensive line - Teeple, Harris, (David) Bergan, Doughty, (Derek) Babbitt, Carter, (Jeff) Brunell, (David) Bickman, (Michael) Harmon, (Jake) Morse, and (Camren) Wilson," Coach Larry Duvall said. "As a coach I'm very proud of this great bunch of kids. Also, our success as a team was due to my assistant coaches Jake Helsel, Rocky Tobin, Tom Harmon, and Todd Dewitt."

GRA FLAG FOOTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority vs. Bears match-up, the Colts won 13-6.

Current standings:
Team W/L/T
Lions 3-0-1

Browns 2-1-1
Colts 1-3-0
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Grayling Recreation Authority flag football

LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on October 20, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 35, 36, 37 and 38 Northern Heights

Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 02 of Plats page 27, Crawford County Records.

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-30-7-14-21

Notice Of Mortgage

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sean M. Kenyon and Tracie L. Kenyon, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to AmeriFirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated

April 30, 1999, and recorded on May 18, 1999 in Liber 481 on Page 523, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee by an assignment dated April 30, 1999 recorded on July 13, 1999 in Liber 485 on Page 591, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven And 35/100 Dollars (\$58,157.35), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on November 10, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16, Block 2, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 44, Crawford County Records. And Also: Parcel A, the Southwest 1/2 of Lot 17, Block 2, Karen Woods Subdivision, a recorded Plat, as shown on Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 140, Page 494, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 7, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

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-7-14-21-28

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE PRIVATE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by TIMOTHY J. ROSS and DONNA L. ROSS, husband and wife, presently of, 7139 Chaffin Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, Mortgages, to First Federal Savings & Loan Association n/k/a First Federal of Northern Michigan, Mortgagee, dated the 26th day of July, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five and 85/100 Dollars (\$63,785.85). And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 10th day of November, 2004, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance, Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 7.375% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums

which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises, which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 26C: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West; Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East along the section line, 129.58 feet; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes East, 656.52 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 50 minutes East 656.52 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 08 seconds East 100 feet; thence South 00 degrees 50 minutes West 656.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 04 seconds West 100 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with an Easement for ingress and egress over Parcel 26-D (Property lying South of Subject Property), as reserved in Deed recorded in Liber 196, Pages 474 and 475, Crawford County Records. This easement shall continue so long as the same may be necessary and required for ingress and egress to and from Parcel 26-C after which it shall cease and come to an end. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

MORTGAGEE: FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION n/k/a FIRST FEDERAL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

100 S. Second Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707
Dated: September 17, 2004
Keith Wallace, P21932
Isackson & Wallace, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee, First Federal of Northern Michigan
114 S. Second Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence B. Vitall and Joan I. Vitall, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 13, 2000, and recorded on July 17, 2000 in Liber 0512 on Page 057, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty And 11/100 Dollars (\$15,840.11), including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 27, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 28 North, Range 1 West, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Subject to reservations by the state of Michigan of all Coal, Oil, Gas and Minerals and rights of ingress and egress along any water course or stream; subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes; further subject to driveway easements across the existing trails on said premises and conveying the right of easement across those trails and easements now held by the grantor for ingress and egress.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 23, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Citizens Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #033783101

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary Margaret Stone, a married person, original mortgagor(s), to Irwin Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 7, 2001, and recorded on February 12, 2001 in Liber 528 on Page 494, and re-recorded on March 15, 2001 in Liber 531 on Page 488, and modified by agreement dated April 22, 2003, and recorded on May 20, 2003 in Liber 635 on Page 134, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment recorded on May 12, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 168, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six And 19/100 Dollars (\$68,636.19), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 20, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 99 feet of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 16, 2004
For more information, please call:

FC M 248.593.1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Midfirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #019233F02

Notice Of Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold Johnson n/k/a Harold R. Johnson and Roberta M. Johnson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 1996, and recorded on December 10, 1996 in Liber 422 on Page 481, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999 recorded on November 2, 1999 in Liber 494 on Page 338, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Four And 09/100 Dollars (\$36,924.09), including interest at 8.35% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 27, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 1 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 23, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #014409F02

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Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald G. Ruchle, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 1996, and recorded on December 30, 1996 in Liber 423 on Page 189, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 86/100 Dollars (\$55,242.86), including interest at 8.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on November 10, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 5A: being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 28; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes West, along the section line, 511.88 feet for a place of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 15 minutes West, 200.00 feet; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 618.68 feet; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes East, 200.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 618.86 feet, to the place of beginning, Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 7, 2004
For more information, please call:
FC M 248.593.1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For The Huntington National Bank n/k/a Empire National Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #032632F02

Mortgage Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by MICHELE SIVRAIS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLE AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, Lender is OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, now known as MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLE AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated December 27, 2000, and re-recorded on September 23, 2004, in Liber 671 on Page 627, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-four thousand nine hundred and 95/100 Dollars (\$64,900.95), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM, on November 17, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as: LOTS 28 AND 29 CREEKVIEW NO. 1, TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 23, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 14, 2004
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
SOLE AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER
FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old
Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
248) 540-7701

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB040258 Request for a 40' variance from rear property line setback to construct a new accessory building.

Petitioner: James Babbitt
121 Penny Lane
Byron Center, MI 49315

The above case refers to the following described property:
5165 Green Acre Drive
Waters, MI 49797

Township: Maple Forest
Property Code: 020-060-000-019-00
Zoning District: MDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB040255 Request a 25' setback variance for a proposed new residence from rear property line on a triangular lot.

Petitioner: Charles Kleismit
7533 Mistwood Dr.
White Lake, MI 48383

The above case refers to the following described property:
Briggs Road
Frederic, MI 49733

Legal Description: T28N R3W Sec 1, Lot #1 of Biginch Shores; also the N 105 Feet of Lot 32
Township: Maple Forest
Property Code: 020-050-000-001-01
Zoning District: LDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

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Grayling, MI 49738

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A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB040252 Request a variance of 4' sideline setback for a proposed new garage to be built on a corner lot.

Petitioner: Mary J. Hennard-Padys
3454 Grindley Park
Dearborn, MI 48124

The above case refers to the following described property:
11390 Burton Way
Roscommon, MI 48653

Legal Description: WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, LOT 17
Township: South Branch
Property Code: 064-850-000-017-00
Zoning District: RR

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Grayling, MI 49738

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A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PB040259 Request 110' variance to natural river setback to add screen porch to existing home.

Petitioner: Robert Lafferty
1530 Whispering Oaks
Brighton, MI 48116

The above case refers to the following described property:
2592 Club Road
Roscommon, MI 48653

Township: South Branch
Property Code: 062-021-013-100-12
Zoning District: RDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran - Director

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
October 15, 1981

The Crawford AuSable Schools' libraries are opening their doors for the first time this year to students. But with restricted hours and reduced funds and staff to operate them, library services will be severely diminished from previous years.

Colonel J.R. Lippert, Camp Grayling commander, presents a National Guard Bureau check for \$8,512 to Crawford County Commissioner Mary Harland and an airport secretary, Vicky Ann Kalnbach to help pay for a Visual Approach Slope Indicator lighting system.

Construction workers have finished nearly all of the 10,000 feet of curb work along ten streets in Grayling.

A heated argument or democracy at its best: Whatever you want to call it, more than 140 Beaver Creek residents gathered at their township hall last Monday night to give their views about a new township junk ordinance and proposed zoning laws that became effective on September 1.

Beverly E. Burzynski and Michael J. McNamara were united in marriage on September 12, 1981 at St. Stanislaus Church in Bay City.

Oct. 10th was a big day for William Vollmer, an early 90th surprise birthday party was held at the Frederic Sportsman Club with approximately 100 people attending. Mr. Vollmer will be 90 on January 2, 1982. He has 71 direct

descendants, 9 of which are great, great grandchildren.

46 Years Ago
October 16, 1958

With two rifle shots, Mary Ann Decker of Flint downed a 250 pound, two year old bear last Sunday in the Third Annual, All Woman's Bear Hunt west of Grayling. She thus won the title National Bear Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEvers have bought the Bob Brady home on Park St. and have been moving in for a couple of weeks.

We have had very rainy weather lately, but in spite of it a few pats and some deer were bagged near Lovells.

Fred Welsh Jr. was elected as the new president of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at a tan election held at the club meeting Monday evening at Shoppenagons Inn. Eric Post, present second vice president, was advanced to first vice-president and Joseph Hull was named as the new second vice-president. Elected to the three new director's posts were Dr. Paul Dosch, Allan Stevenson and Richard Dubois.

Winter Sports President Bill Joseph reports that Consumers Power Co. has agreed to go ahead and put in power at the park, so that the whole area will be under lights.

A district round-table of the Paul Bunyan Boy Scout Council, northern district was held Thursday night at the Grayling

High School gymnasium. In charge of arrangements were the local scouting committee, chairman Don Jansen, Harold Hatfield, Jr., Claude Halstead, Staff Sgt. Larry States, John A.B. MacAuley, Robert Hayes and Ernest Larson.

Crawford County trees reached their peak in the annual color display last week, those around the Court House being especially colorful.

At the Fifth Little Women party Girl Scout committee member Mrs. Ace Leng awarded the leader Mrs. Brown her 5th year pin. Denise Welch received her Brownie pin. First year service pins went to Gayle Post, Mary Valdict and Mary Jo Bindschattel. Second year service pins to Kay McDermott, Linda Palmer, Beverly DeMoines, Sandy Middleton, Linda Weaver, Barbara Merts, Janet Hopkins, Judy Weaver, Linda Hopkins, Lana Jungman, Patsy Henion, and Sandra Heska. Third party pins Zandra Hopkins, ann Hulbert, Penny Dunckley and Sherry Monschau. Fly up girls were awarded their wings and a corsage from their leader Mrs. Brown, Ann Hulbert, Penny Dunckley, Andrea Harmer, Kay McDermott, Linda Palmer, Sherry Monschau, Zandra Hopkins and Gloria Pederson.

69 Years Ago
October 17, 1935

Noticing the great volume of gentlemen purchasers elbowing their way in and out of "Nellie's," J. Wellington Bumsted investigated, thinking there might be a spe-

cial on socks or something, but there wasn't. However, Madonna Cariveau is back again after vacationing in Detroit and Jackson. The dazzling Madonna dazzles even more than before.

Mrs. Richard Lovely entertained at her home Tuesday evening with a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Oscar Goss. Progressive pinochle was enjoyed with first prizes going to Miss Veronica Lovely and Axel Peterson. Low scores were held by Mrs. Joseph Kernosky and Eugene Papendick. After an enjoyable evening a delicious lunch was served.

Complimenting Mrs. William Jensen some sixteen of her friends dropped in on her at her home down the river. The evening was spent playing cards and lunch was served.

92 Years Ago
October 17, 1912

The local mills all report good business and running full time.

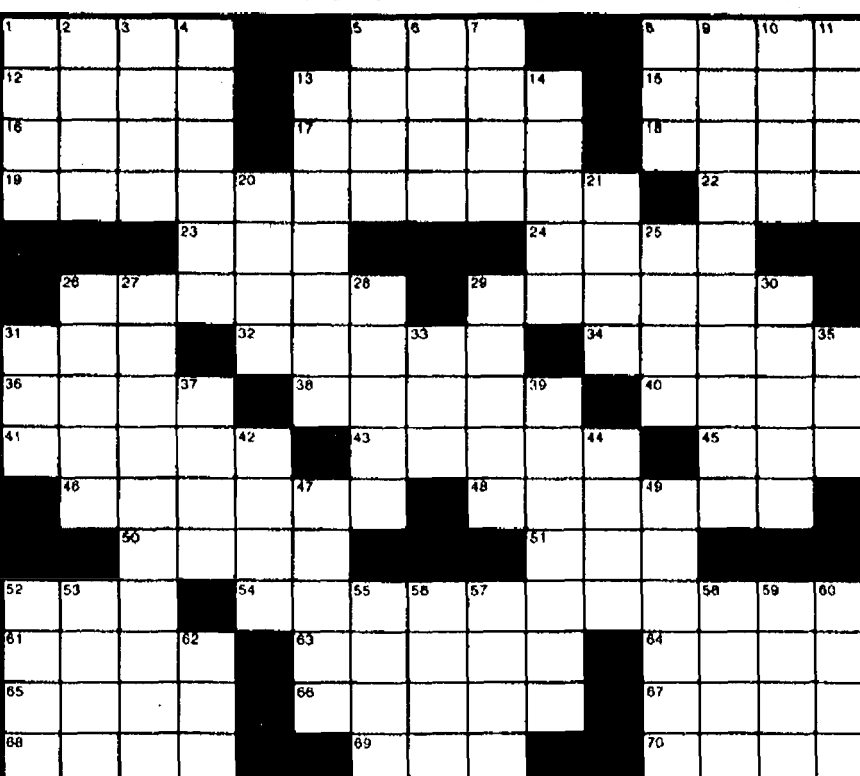
A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Efner Matson.

John F. Floeter of South Branch, candidate for register of deeds, has been in town for a few days "getting acquainted."

E.G. Clark and family left here yesterday to take up their residence in Boyne City. During Mr. Clark's 12 years residence there he had acted as bandmaster of our famous Citizens band, and it was greatly through his efforts that the organization attained their present high efficiency.

The Misses Minnie and Edith Love of Pere Cheney spent Sunday at their home in Beaver Creek.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Acronym for United States Geological Survey.
 5. Abbreviation for disability.
 8. Plural of "notum."
 12. Jaffe, author of Mazes and Monsters.
 13. Relating to the sun.
 15. Long process of a nerve fiber that conducts impulses away from the body of the nerve cell.
 16. Lecherous man.
 17. To divert the attention of as to deceive.
 18. Beginner in learning.
 19. Act of entitling.
 22. Alcoholic beverage made by distilling rye and adding juniper berries as flavoring.
 23. Abbreviation for volcano.
 24. Acronym for Association Européenne de Libre-Echange.
 26. Substances composed chiefly of sea bird excrement and used as fertilizer.
 29. Reed Hall, Olivia on Sesame Street.
 31. Vase of varying size and shape, usually having a footed base.
 32. Hindu ascetic or religious teacher.
 34. To arm again with new weapons.
 36. Brings actions against.
 38. To criticize cuttingly.
 40. To move slightly.
 41. Not in any degree.
 43. Pires, a river in Brazil.
 45. Acronym for Emergency Towing Systems.
 46. Sweethearts.
 48. To entangle in.
 50. Naldi, one of the greatest vamps of the silent screen.
 51. Adverse consequences of an action.
 52. Basis of the solar system.
 54. Provided with a rich, ornamental covering.
 61. City in France formerly known as Alais.
 63. Sevigny, Jennie in 1995 film Kids.
 64. Burdened state of mind.
 65. Spanish for "dwelling."
 66. Slang for blackball.
 67. Old English measure of land.
 68. Photograph record.
 69. Also called potassium hydroxide.
 70. Noisy, violent closing.
- Down
1. To demand earnestly.
 2. In agreement with one's choice.
 3. Small usually biting dipteran fly.
 4. Oryza, aka paddy straw.
 5. Large hemispherical roof.
 6. Léon, first socialist and Jewish premier of France.
 7. To emit coherent light.
 8. Acronym for National Air Transport.
 9. Supplies the blood with oxygen.
 10. Japanese art style of sculpture that emerged during the Asuka period.
 11. At another time.
 13. Broadleaf European willows used as a source for charcoal.
 14. Relating to the kidneys.
 20. Great quantities.
 21. To pull apart by force.
 25. True, directed by James Cameron.
 26. Thin porridge.
 27. Quality of being unbalanced.
 28. Mineral salts used as laxatives.
 29. Side of a church nave separated by piers from the nave proper.
 30. Abbreviation for arithmetic.
 31. Acronym for the United States Navy.
 33. Jemison, first African-American woman in space.
 35. Conventional title of courtesy for a married woman's.
 37. Precisely half of.
 39. Three, album by Pillow.
 42. Acronym for Regional Assistive Technology Center.
 44. Acronym for Switched Maintenance Access System.
 47. Acronym for National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
 49. Memorable events.
 52. Acronym for Super Audio Compact Disc.
 53. River of Suisuna.
 55. Ochs, 1960s singer and contemporary of Bob Dylan.
 56. To place in a friendly association, as by treaty.
 57. Characteristic social behavior of an individual.
 58. Measure of length formerly used for cloth.
 59. Acronym for Energy Research & Development Administration.
 60. To have as an opinion.
 62. Pouchlike structure in an animal.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Apple-Cinnamon Cheese Cake

4 cups coarse fresh bread crumbs
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
4 Fuji apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh ginger, or 1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 tablespoons dry sherry (optional)
Whipped cream for serving (optional)

Heat oven to 375° F. Lightly butter a 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Stir together bread crumbs and butter; set aside.

Combine apples, brown sugar, lemon juice, ginger, and cinnamon, mixing until well blended. To assemble brown betty, spread 1 cup of buttered bread crumbs in bottom of casserole; top with one third of apple mixture. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon sherry over apple layer, if desired.

Spread another cup bread crumbs and top with half of remaining apples and another tablespoon sherry. Make third layer of one cup of bread crumbs and top with remaining apples and sherry. Spread remaining bread crumbs on top of apples.

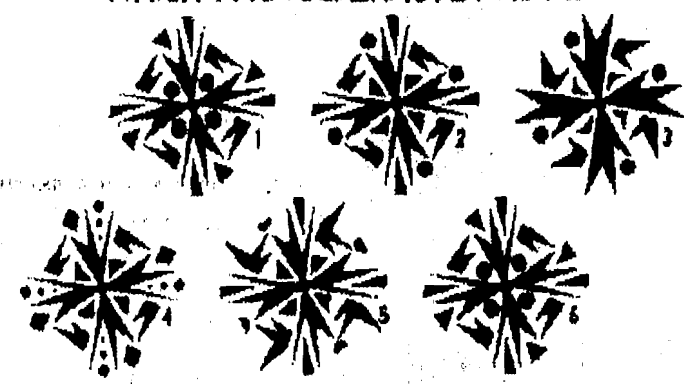
Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes; uncover and bake 30 minutes longer. Cool until warm and serve with whipped cream, if desired.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



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Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. Tickets are also on sale at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe and the shelter.

Two barrels have been placed near the gates of the shelter to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. The new 2005 Pet and Dog Calendars are on sale at the Avalanche for a donation of \$5 each.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10	10/11
10/6	56	23	0	High 58	High 53	High 49	High 49	High 53	High 57
10/7	75	44	0	Low 38	Low 35	Low 27	Low 27	Low 29	Low 32
10/8	77	44	0.14						
10/9	62	49	0.45						
10/10	57	29	0.03						
10/11	60	26	0						
10/12	59	26	0						

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2004

Good fortune smiles on you. Share it with others. Plans you made for a special occasion turn out better than expected.

September 22 - January 19

Your hopes regarding a situation at home are dashed. Don't worry. In time, everything will work out. An old photo piques your curiosity.

March 21 - April 19

Old friends join you for an evening of fun. Your boss asks you to lead a project. Make certain you're up to the task before you say yes.

June 22 - July 22

Add some zest to your life, and the restless feelings you've been having will subside. Try a new sport, hobby or other activity.

September 23 - October 22

Praise trickles in from various sources. Savor the moment. It will be some time again before you feel so appreciated.

July 20 - July 18

Multitasking takes on new dimension this week. You're in demand at home and at work. Doesn't it feel good to be needed?

April 20 - May 20

Planning is not your forte. But if you want a special event to go smoothly, you need to arrange everything carefully. A project at the office needs more work.

July 23 - August 22

Grand gestures make life pleasant. Get out there and do something extra special for a friend who needs a lift. Travel plans are put on hold.

October 23 - November 21

Surround yourself with warm, caring people and all of the worries you've been having will melt away. A mistake turns out to be a blessing.

July 19 - July 20

Distant family comes for a visit. Pull out all the stops to make them feel welcome. A mix-up at work tries your patience.

May 21 - June 21

Your words make an impact upon a young friend. Continue to spend time with them and keep after them. Get ready for a special houseguest.

August 23 - September 22

Efforts to unwind fail, as a crisis at home develops. Deal with it quickly and then get away by yourself for a while.

November 22 - December 21

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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

NEWLY BUILT HOME 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 car attached garage. 5 miles east of Grayling. \$85,000. 348-4840. (-7-14-21-28/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW 1,800 SQ FT 3-4 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 car garage, square 2 1/2 acres. Burton's Landing Road, near river. 348-4840. (-7-14-21-28/1)

1. Real Estate

NICELY MAINTAINED energy efficient 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath home on double lot. Two blocks from Lake Margrethe, includes public access and close to snowmobile trails. \$89,000. 989-344-0099. (-30-7-14-21-28/1)

1. Real Estate

ROSCOMMON 2 BEDROOM 2 bath 1400 square foot home. I'll pay \$5,000 of buyer's loan cost. \$65,000, 359.73 payment. 517-543-3057. (-14-21-28-4-11/1)

1. Real Estate

PRICE REDUCED - Completely remodeled, large family home on beautifully wooded lot. Close to Lake Margrethe and snowmobile trails, backing up to state land. \$139,500. FF-1967 call Fred Fisher at RE/MAX of Grayling (800)731-4002. (-14/1)

1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate

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1. Real Estate



3 E Bear Lk Rd \$230,000
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1. Real Estate




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2.5 ACRES OFF BURTON'S LANDING ROAD 30x34 log cottage. AuSable River access, includes windows & doors. Travel trailer on site available for additional \$4,000. \$72,900. CH-1913



165' ON THE EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER. Handyman special sits 50' from the river edge with picturesque setting offering 2.5 acres. Cathedral ceiling in family room with 2 skylights. Back fireplace. Detached garage with extra slab for addition and vinyl shed. Cement patio with stone design into entrance of cottage. CS-1972 \$120,000



HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED CANAL PRIVATE AND SHARED SANDY BEACH 80' of shared private beach on Lake Margrethe. 3-story Chateau offers 3BR, 1 3/4BA with 1800 square feet. This home is perfect for entertaining with 2 kitchens. Includes all the appliances, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, microwave, garbage disposal, washer & dryer. Extensive cedar dock off living room on upper level offers breath taking views. Beamed ceilings with pickled white-wash. Ceramic tile in baths, black top circle driveway. Mature Red Pines on property. Newer roof on house and garage. Property adjoins private bucktail park to the South. Private boat slip #7 with dock. Picnic area with volleyball & basketball court. Private road is plowed. Annual Dues \$200. CS-1953 \$185,000



MINI FARM ON 2.59 ACRES. Remodeled two story farm house. Features include 1,680 s.f. living area, 3 B/R, 2 bath, basement and garage. Drywall throughout, Bay Window in dining room, garden window in kitchen, newer electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch well, septic system, decks, covered porch, lawn front and side yards. Seller in process of moving. New carpet in living room, B/R, bath and stairway. Hardwood floors in entryway. Garage possession not until weather permits. CH-1884 \$106,900



YOUNG COUPLES, RETIRED COUPLES! Here's the house to fit your needs and wallet. New carpet, new paint, some new windows. Built over roof in 1996, 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath mobile offers 833 Square feet. Open living room, kitchen and dining area. Cement driveway. Attached garage, large back yard has nice trees for shade and relaxation. Close to town. CS-1914 \$34,900



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RURAL COUNTRY SETTING CLOSE TO TRAILS & AUSABLE RIVER This 768 sq. ft. 3 BR, 1BA manufactured home is located on naturally landscaped 1.4 acres. Features: Shingle roof/over, hook-up for wood stove, appliances, and satellite dish. CH-1901 \$26,000 Adjacent 1963x10 lot for sale for \$7,000.



316 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER Cute 3 bedroom, 1 full bath offering 760 square feet of living space with open kitchen, dining, living room. Living room and one bedroom has knotty pine walls. Comes completely furnished. Nice mixture of trees on the property. Campfire pit in back with nice walkway to river. Close to snowmobile trail and hunting. CS-2017 \$70,500



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New Listing



Very nice two bedroom home with detached garage on the South Branch of the AuSable river. It has a large bedroom down and 16x20 loft. This home offers views of the river from several rooms and has a deck for outdoor entertaining on the river side. #5400 \$169,000

Reduced



10 Acres! Perfect for all outdoor sports. Great home with CENTRAL AIR, 3 bedrooms, an open floor plan, large laundry, oversized bathroom, bonus room and more. Price includes a 1 year home warranty. #5303 \$110,000

Reduced



Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home situated on 6.98 acres in northern Michigan prime snowmobile country. Home has large rooms, large 24x40 attached garage with upper bonus room, and an additional 30x40 detached garage. \$165,500 #5376



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EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS \$300 per month, \$250 deposit. All utilities and cable included. 348-5012. (-14-21-28-4/2)

COMMERCIAL OFFICE space available. Individual offices with DSL line, phones, and all utilities, 180 sq. ft. office plus common areas. Business Loop location with plenty of parking. \$395.00 per month with 1 year lease. Contact Randy Thompson at 348-5474. (-14-21-28-4/2)

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REASONABLE HOME
NEAR LAKE MARGRETHE 3 BR, 1/12 bath home in Great location, within walking distance of Lake Margrethe. \$85,000 #231561

NEW LISTING

NEWLY REMODELED HOME IN THE CITY Completely remodeled home located in the City of Grayling. 1500 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 baths, master B/R suite, breakfast room, spacious kitchen with island. Ready to move in, never occupied since renovations. Everything new - walls, floors, roof, and furnace. A must see! Possible LC with large down payment. Offers 1-year Home Warranty. \$97,900 #233189

1. Real Estate

NEW LISTING

HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN CITY History speaks for itself with this partially remodeled hotel/inn. 7 guest rooms have been tastefully remodeled & decorated and are ready for use. 71 more need to be remodeled. The restaurant and 3 lounges are ready for business; there is potential to be seen around every corner. Liquor license is available separately. \$399,000 #233103

NEW LISTING

GREAT CAMP ON 10 ACRES Perfect home or cabin on 10 acres adjoining state land. 200 sq. ft. home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and all appliances included. 24x32 guest quarters that includes kitchen, bath, living room, bedroom and 14x10 deck. 12x24 storage shed with attached 12x12 dog kennel and 16x30 dog run. This property would make an excellent hunting or snowmobile camp! \$61,500 #233135

1. Real Estate

NEW LISTING

6 BEDROOM LODGE WITH BUNK HOUSE Explore the possibilities with this large 6 B/R, 2 bath home/lodge with bunk house, garage and outdoor stone BBQ. Situated on 1 acre and next to snowmobile trails in a popular recreational area. Property being sold "as is", come and take a look! \$184,900 #235167

NEW LISTING

5 BEDROOM, 2 STORY HOME IN CITY A rare find!! 5 bedrooms, 1 3/4 bath, 2 story home in like-new condition. The perfect home for a large family or if you are just looking for extra space. Adjacent lot also available. Stop in and take a look. \$111,900 #231982

1. Real Estate

NEW LISTING

BRAND NEW HOME STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION New Construction! 1120 sq. ft., 3 B/R, 2 bath home located in the City of Grayling. Ceramic tile & hardwood flooring, vaulted ceiling, 1-car attached garage. Don't miss the chance to pick out your own carpet colors. Offers 1-year Home Warranty. \$92,500 #235204

NEW LISTING

COZY CABIN NEAR LAKE MARGRETHE 2 bedroom cabin with attached garage, carport and workshop. Located near Lake Margrethe and snowmobile trails. Includes stove and refrigerator. \$38,900 #235231

3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION: POSITION: Grayling High School Girl's Soccer Coach. DESCRIPTION: Will coach and promote the varsity girls soccer program. Will develop and implement the philosophy and techniques for the soccer program. Will evaluate coaches inventory supplies, and develop a yearly budget. QUALIFICATIONS: A soccer background including playing and/or coaching organized soccer is required. Preference given to those with college and/or high school varsity coaching and teaching experience. SALARY: According to the terms of the Master Agreement. APPLY TO: Milli A. Haug, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (989)344-3500, Fax (989)348-6822. DEADLINE: October 19, 2004. All new Crawford AuSable School District coaches will be required to attend the MHSAA PACE Workshops. This applies to both staff and non-staff coaches. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement. (-14/3)

3. Employment

PART TIME RECEPTIONIST needed for busy outpatient counseling office in Grayling. Position is 18 hours per week with flexibility to cover vacation, sick days, etc. Must possess friendly, efficient phone skills, strong organizational skills, and attention to detail a must. Knowledge of Word and Excel required. Excellent wages. Please send resume to: Catholic Human Services, 1665 W. M-32, Gaylord, MI 49735. Attn: Toni. (-14-21/3)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

PART-TIME MEDICAL PHLEBOTOMIST for Gaylord area. Two years experience, early am draws. Fax resume to DBML Laboratory 231-536-3236. (-7-14-21/3)

4. Sports & Recreation
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LOW COST PET VACCINATION clinic. October 16 at Hawk Hill Farm off Beaver Road. Rabies vaccinations \$10. Phone Dixie at 348-9178 for an appointment. (-14/4)

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3. Employment

Program Assistant

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a full time Program Assistant. Duties include in-home services coordination, information and referral and monthly newsletter publication. Preferred candidate will have two years experience working with elderly or Bachelor's Degree in Social Services related field. Application packets can be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Deadline is 5:00pm 10/15/04.

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UNIQUE HOME WITH 120' ON THE AUASABLE MAINSTREAM

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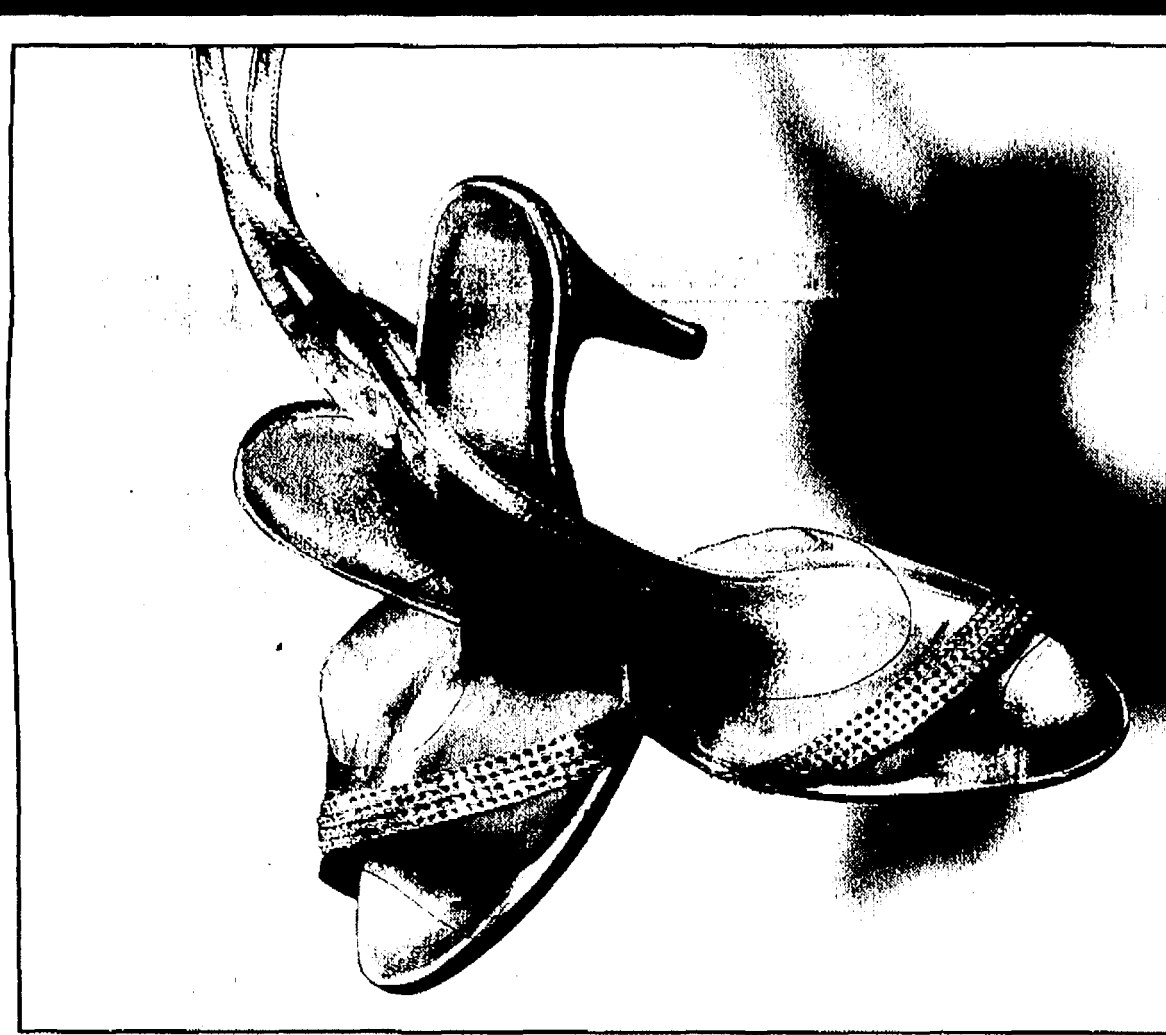
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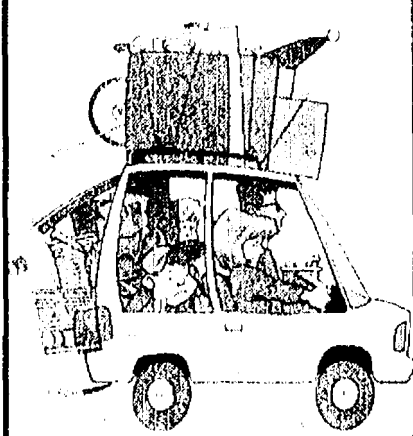
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The dates authorized by law for school regular elections are:
(a) The odd year May regular election date.
(b) The general election date in both even and odd years.
(c) The May regular election date in both even and odd years.

The Board has tentatively established the odd year May regular election date as the regular election date on a biennial basis.

The hearing will be held at the Kirtland House on College Drive on the Kirtland Community College campus at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2004

If the Board of Trustees fails to approve the tentative election date or any other date authorized by law, the regular election will be held at the odd year general election held in November commencing with the election to be held November 2, 2005.

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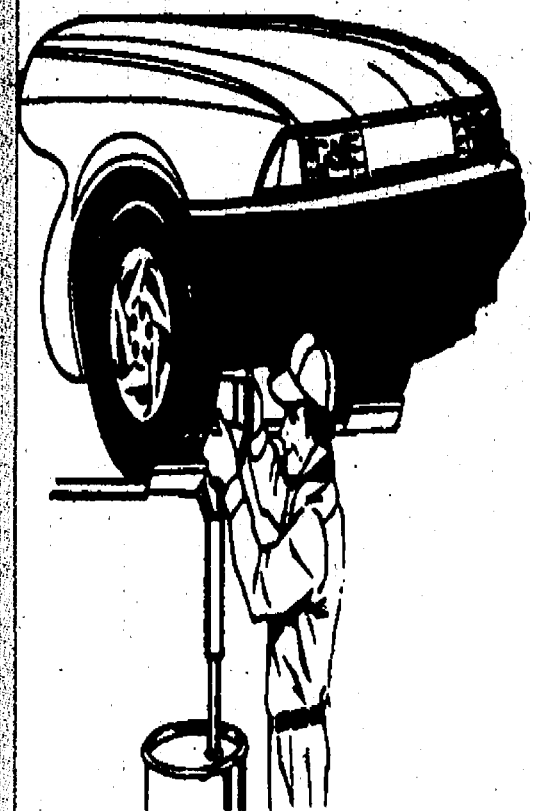
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Consumers Can Avoid Problems By Watching For Warning Signs

When it comes to your car's safety, brakes top the list of systems that need monitoring. However, many people are unaware of the signs that indicate a car's brakes may need maintenance or repair.

For routine maintenance, it's important to check the vehicle's braking system at least once a year. A thorough inspection should include brake lining wear, brake fluid level, rotor thickness, condition of hoses and brake lines, brake and dash warning lights, as well as taking the car for a test drive to detect other potential brake system problems.

Check out this brake system diagram to better understand how the braking system works.

It is important to be alert and recognize the danger signs of brake problems. Other warning signs include an illuminated brake warning light, brake grabbing, low pedal feel, vibration, hard pedal feel and squealing.

"Sometimes it's only a few miles between a soft brake pedal and a pedal that goes clear to the floor," said Stephen Powell, NAPA/ASE Technician of the Year and owner of Thoroughbred Transmissions & AutoCare, Inc. in Laurel, Md. "But consumers easily can protect themselves from brake failure by watching and listening for a few simple clues."

Powell says noise is one of the

leading indicators that something is awry with brakes. "Any out of the ordinary sound is often a sign that brakes have worn to the point they should be checked," he said. "Watch especially for a grinding noise, and if your brakes typically throw off brake dust on your wheels, look for a sudden increase or decrease in dust." He added that finding small metal flakes on the wheels is also a sign that brakes should be checked.

Another leading indicator is the feel of the brake pedal, Powell said. If the car pulls left or right when braking, or if the front end shakes, those are both signs of excessive brake wear. If the brake pedal begins to feel spongy, it could be a sign that air has entered the brake system or fluid is low.

"A mushy brake pedal, along with a decrease in brake fluid, could also indicate brake wear," Powell added. "Check the brake fluid reservoir to make sure it's topped off. If not, then brake fluid is likely remaining at the wheel to fill the space caused by wear."

Many cars now have ABS (Automatic Braking System) that initiates a rapid-fire pumping sequence to the brakes to keep the car straight during sudden or hard braking. "If the ABS light illuminates on your instrument panel, then it's likely that the wheel sensors have detected

excessive build-up of metal particles from the brake system," Powell said. "Most cars are designed to shut down the ABS when excessive particle build-up occurs."

Powell added that a shutdown ABS does not prevent you from stopping, just that the ABS feature isn't working.

Other tips:

- Wheels should be pulled and brakes checked once a year by an ASE-Certified technician.

"It's not uncommon to replace brakes after 12,000-15,000 miles," Powell explained. An inspection typically includes the rotors, calipers, drums, pads, pistons and brake lines.

- Brake systems should be flushed and brake fluid replaced every two years. "Brake fluid absorbs moisture in the system and becomes acidic after two years or 30,000 miles," Powell said.

- Check your owner's manual or ask your ASE-Certified technician to see what kind of brakes your car has and how they are adjusted. For example, most drum brakes are self-adjusting by backing up or engaging the emergency brake.

- Regardless of care, brakes should most likely be replaced every 20,000-30,000 miles. "Of course, how and where someone drives will greatly influence when brakes should be replaced," Powell emphasized.

Fall's A Good Time To Think About Car Care

(NUI) — As summer ends, it's time to start thinking about the colder weather ahead and what that means for your vehicle.

According to the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), autumn is an ideal time for automotive maintenance and repair.

Engine performance problems — rough idling, poor acceleration or hard starts — should be corrected before cold weather sets in. Stalling, an inconvenience in the summer, can be deadly in winter storms.

Here are some tips from the experts at ASE for getting your vehicle ready for winter.

- Read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's service intervals.

- Replace worn wiper blades and keep plenty of washer fluid on hand to fight road salt, grit and other grime.

- Replace worn tires with all-season radials or snow tires as conditions warrant.

- Don't forget to check the spare tire and jack.

- Have a qualified auto technician check the condition of your battery and cables, the radiator,

and all hoses and belts.

- Make certain the heater and defroster are in good working condition. Have the exhaust system examined for leaks, a potentially deadly condition in closed vehicles.

- Carry emergency gear: flares, boots, gloves, ice scraper, high-energy snacks, a blanket, shovel, flashlight, tire chains, a few tools and a cell phone.

If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, find a repair shop with a courteous staff, qualified technicians and modern equipment. Look for repair facilities that employ ASE-certified automotive technicians to do those jobs you cannot or do not want to perform.

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Caring For Your Car Helps To Conserve Gasoline

(NUI) – Looking for ways to conserve gasoline? You don't have to move to Walden Pond. Just keep your car in good shape and drive gently.

Here's a quick checklist to help you conserve gasoline, from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), the organization that tests and certifies automotive technicians:

- Monitor your tires. Under-inflated tires or poorly aligned wheels waste fuel by forcing the engine to work harder to push the vehicle and its contents.
- Remove unused items from your vehicle. Store only essentials. Less weight means better gasoline mileage.
- Observe speed limits. Speeding decreases your miles per gallon, as do sudden accelerations. Anticipate traffic patterns

ahead and adjust your speed gradually. Use cruise control.

- Avoid excessive engine idling. Turn off the engine while waiting for friends and family.

- Use windows and air conditioning wisely. Avoid using your air conditioner in heavy, stop-and-go traffic such as traffic jams or holiday weekend backups.

- Consolidate your daily trips and errands. Some trips may be unnecessary. Try to travel when traffic is lighter and stop-and-go conditions are less likely. Join a carpool. Walk more.

- Maintain your engine. This will help you maximize the gas mileage for your specific make and model. A single misfiring spark plug can greatly reduce gas mileage. Follow the service schedules listed in your owner's manual. Replace filters and flu-

ids as recommended. Have engine performance problems, such as rough idling and poor acceleration, corrected at a repair facility.

Given today's high-tech engines, it's wise to have this type of work done by auto technicians who are ASE certified in engine performance. ASE was founded in 1972 as a nonprofit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians.

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Car Repair Costs Increase If Maintenance Is Ignored

(NUI) – For most people, their automobile, truck or sport utility vehicle represents the second-largest purchase they will ever make, behind only their house. So, it makes good sense to protect that investment through regular maintenance.

But according to automotive technicians certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), motorists are not doing a very good job of maintaining their vehicles.

A poll of ASE-certified auto technicians revealed that only 2 percent of customers "always" followed their advice, while just 29 percent of motorists "usually" followed the experts' advice.

Considering the cost and complexity of today's vehicles, consumers could spend more money in the end when they neglect routine maintenance, note ASE officials. They point out that almost two-thirds of the technicians surveyed said consumers could take care of their maintenance and repair needs for less than \$500 annually.

What items specifically are consumers neglecting? Here are the most neglected items, according to ASE-certified automotive technicians: lube, oil, and filters; transmission; tires; cooling system; brakes; belts; and tuneup.

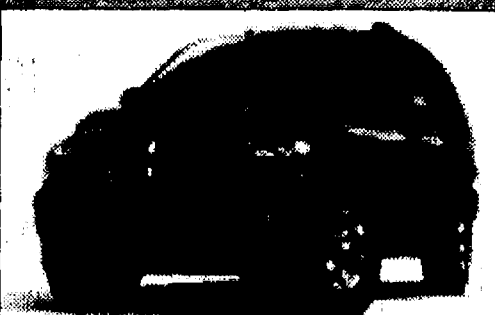
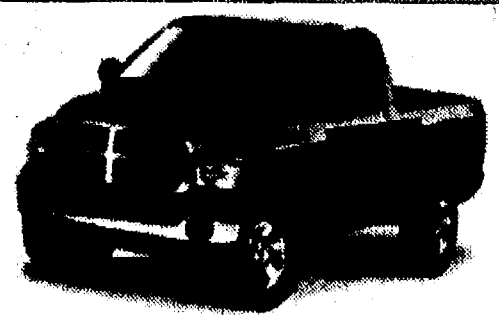
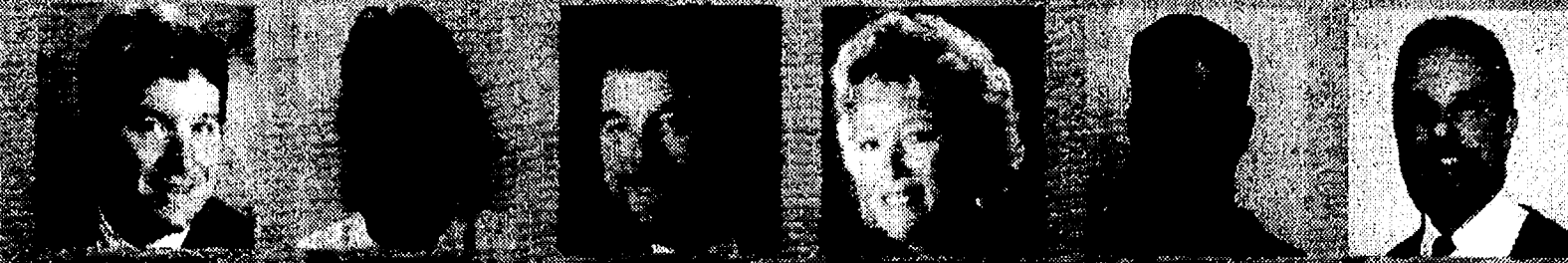
The downside of all this neglect is shortened vehicle life, compromised safety, lessened gasoline mileage and the likelihood of increased repair costs due to minor repairs ballooning into big-ticket overhauls. For

those who do take their vehicles in for routine maintenance and service, there's a big payoff. A majority of technicians said motorists could extend vehicle life by 50 percent or more.

The technicians polled are among the industry's best, having taken and passed independent national certification exams. Slightly over a third (36 percent) of the participants were college graduates, and another third (37 percent) had graduated from a technical school, while 90 percent use a computer on the job.

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Avoid Car Trouble: Get A Check-Up Before It Snows

(NUI) – Don't let your holiday travels be interrupted by a roadside breakdown. Mechanical failure in the wintertime can be deadly, so it's important to have your vehicle checked out thoroughly at a trusted shop before cold weather sets in.

Here are tips on choosing a repair facility from the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), the group that tests and certifies automotive technicians.

- Start shopping for a repair facility before you need one.
- Ask your friends and associates for their recommendations; consult local consumer groups.
- Arrange for transportation in advance so you will not feel forced to choose a shop based on its location.

- Look for a neat, well-organized facility, with vehicles in the parking lot equal in value to your own and modern equipment in the service bays.

- Look for a courteous staff, with a service consultant willing to answer all of your questions.

- Look for policies regarding estimated repair costs, diagnostic fees, guarantees and acceptable methods of payment.

- Ask if the repair facility specializes or if it usually handles your type of repair work.

- Look for signs of professionalism in the customer service area such as civic, community, or customer service awards.

- Look for evidence of qualified technicians: trade-school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work, and certi-

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- Look for the ASE sign. ASE is dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. ASE-certified technicians wear the blue and white ASE shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their exact areas of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign.

- Once on the road, carry emergency gear: flares, boots, gloves, ice scraper, high-energy snacks, a blanket, shovel, flashlight, tire chains, a few tools, and a cell phone.

Visit www.ase.com for car care tips as well as information about how consumers benefit from voluntary technician certification.

Potholes Can Cause Serious Car Damage

(NUI) – Most drivers are familiar with the startling jolt associated with running over a pothole unexpectedly. For some, it also means costly automotive repairs.

"The appearance of potholes brings the potential of damage to vehicle suspension components," said John Nielsen, director of AAA's Approved Auto Repair Network.

AAA, the nation's largest organization for motorists, offers these tips to help protect vehicles against the jarring experience of a pothole encounter:

- Maintain full air pressure in all tires to provide as much cushion as possible between the pothole and the rim of the tire. Consult the vehicle owner's manual for the correct pressure.

- Watch for potholes by leaving plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. Before swerving around a pothole, be sure to check surrounding traffic.

- If a pothole cannot be avoided, slow down. Hitting a pothole at high speed increases the chance of damage to tires, wheels, shocks, struts or springs.

- When driving over a pothole-filled road, hold the steering wheel firmly to avoid losing control.

- Do not brake when directly over a pothole. Applying the brakes causes the car's weight to shift to the front of the wheel and can increase damage from the impact.

- Beware of water that may be concealing a deep pothole.

"Hitting even one especially severe pothole could alter the alignment of a wheel and cause uneven tire wear," Nielsen said. "Uneven tire wear means the tire will need to be replaced sooner

than necessary."

A broken shock or strut from a pothole encounter could alter the steering and handling of a vehicle and create dangers when driving at high speeds or in tight corners. Broken suspension components should be remedied immediately, he said.

AAA recommends that motorists who suspect their vehicle may have been damaged by a pothole should take it to an AAA approved auto repair facility where it can be carefully inspected and serviced if necessary. There are more than 7,500 AAA approved repair facilities


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Many types of door dents or small dings are fixed without sanding, filler or painting, preserving the integrity of the vehicle's original factory finish. Technicians use specially designed tools that allow them to access the problem and actually massage it out. If paint touch-ups are required, the technology is available to match your vehicle and repair scratches, minor chips and blemishes on most surfaces. There are a couple of factors that have an effect on the success of this process:

- The location of the dent on the car is important. For example, a dent on the edge of a door, trunk or hood probably can't be fixed using this process.
- If there is paint damage or scrapes across multiple panels, this may indicate that the damage is too severe, as the paint may crack as the dent is removed.

Like dents and dings, chipped cracked glass can also diminish the value of a car. However, the fix is not necessarily a new windshield. Seventy percent of all glass damage is repairable. Using resins that are constantly being improved, technicians not only can fix your glass, but also make it stronger. In addition, the resin can create a repair that is difficult to detect. This technology can be used to repair the following types of glass damage in automobiles: star breaks, combination breaks, bullseyes and cracks of any length.

Before having any repairs performed, the Car Care Council reminds you to choose the facility as carefully as you would choose your automotive repair shop. Be sure to get all estimates and warranties in writing. Ask for two or three references and call them. Finally, find out what happens if you're dissatisfied with the job.

Inspections Show Most Vehicles Need More Care

(NUI) — Do you have your vehicle's oil changed every 3,000 miles? Do you regularly check the air pressure in your tires or have them rotated on a set maintenance schedule? Are your vehicle's fluids checked regularly?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, you're not alone.

According to the Car Care Council, 87 percent of vehicles inspected during National Car Care Month earlier this year failed one or more aspects of the annual inspection.

"Compared to the 90 percent failure rate last year, the 2004 inspection results indicate that the motoring public is beginning to understand the importance of maintaining their vehicles and is starting to take action to reduce vehicle neglect," said Rich White, executive director of the Car Care Council. "While we are thrilled to see the numbers decrease, an 87 percent failure rate is too high."

Even if you aren't mechanically savvy, there are things you can do to keep your car in safe and working order.

Checking your car's fluids is the first step in keeping it running smoothly. Low fluid levels can affect the safe driving performance of the vehicle and damage internal parts if not properly maintained. Twenty-three percent of cars inspected had low or dirty power steering fluid while 26 percent of vehicles had low brake fluid.

Checking tire pressure and tread depth is equally important. During the Car Care Council's inspection, 25 percent of the vehicles were found to have improperly inflated tires and 10 percent of the tires had worn tread and were in need of replacement.

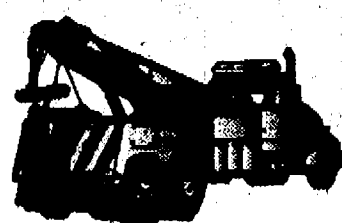
Low tire pressure decreases gas mileage and tire life, and tires with worn tread are at greater risk of losing traction on wet roads. Check tire pressure

every time you fill up the gas tank.

Many roadside breakdowns can be avoided by motorists periodically checking their cars belts and hoses and replacing them when worn. At least one belt was reported as unsatisfactory in 25 percent of the vehicles inspected, and 12 percent of the vehicles required at least one new hose.

Drivers also should pay attention to the condition of their car's battery, air filter and vehicle lighting (such as brake lights, tail lights, headlights and turn signals).

As part of the "Be Car Care Aware" education campaign, the Car Care Council is offering a free service interval schedule to help take the guesswork out of what vehicle systems need to be routinely inspected and when service or repair should be performed. The schedule can be printed for free at www.car-care.org.



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(NUI) — Do you know how well your auto insurance policy would cover you, your vehicle or a third party if you were involved in an accident? Are you carrying enough or even too much coverage? According to a survey done by the Progressive group of insurance companies, most consumers don't take time to regularly review their auto insurance policy to be certain that it still reflects their needs. Having a better understanding of some basic auto insurance principles and terms could help you be certain you're protected — and could even save you money.

Auto insurance is complicated. Here are five things you should know.

1. Types of coverage. There are two general "types" of coverage available to you. One, generally referred to as first-party coverages, protects you and your vehicle. First-party coverages include comprehensive, collision and primary medical, including medical payments and, in some states, Personal Injury Protection (PIP). The second type, called third-party coverages, protects those to whom you might cause injury. Third-party coverages provide protection for bodily injury and property damage you cause to others.

2. Use your deductible to save money. If you purchase comprehensive and collision coverage,

you'll be asked to select a "deductible" amount, that is, the amount you'll pay on a claim before the insurance company begins paying. When selecting your deductible level, consider how much you could afford in the event of a crash. Most people select \$500 deductibles because a higher deductible helps to keep the overall cost of auto insurance down. According to the Insurance Information Institute, increasing your deductible from \$250 to \$500 can save you up to 20 percent on comprehensive and collision coverage.

3. Make sure your policy reflects your needs. Have you recently married, divorced, moved, or have a teenage son or daughter who is now driving? Speak with your independent agent or insurance company to be sure that the coverage you purchased still reflects your needs.

4. Prices vary. Auto insurance rates are based on each company's expected cost of doing business, which includes the cost of paying claims. The claims data used by each company generally includes the number of accidents and the cost of those accidents. And, the claims data used varies from company to company, which leads to a large spread in rates available to the same consumer for comparable coverages. In fact, in a study of rates

provided to more than 100,000 consumers, Progressive found that the average difference in premium based on a six-month policy for the same driver with comparable coverages was nearly \$600 from company to company.

5. Go online. A wealth of information is available on the Internet at sites like www.progressive.com.

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